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Youth group distances itself from Richler

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL –
The sponsors of Mordecai Richler's lecture in which he counselled young anglophones against making their futures in Quebec quickly distanced themselves from their guest's opinions.

The Association of Young Jewish Adults (AYJA) issued a press statement that it did not endorse or share Richler's views that young anglophones should leave Quebec. AYJA is an independent group for young Jews, single and married, aged 20 to 35, whose headquarters is at the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation.

"Montreal has a thriving young adult Jewish population and I believe we are here to stay," said AYJA president Jeffrey Singer.

"I don't think there was anyone on hand at Mr. Richler's discussion who was influenced by him in the least ... Part of AYJA's mandate is youth retention, encouraging young Jewish adults to build their futures in Quebec society."

Singer, a 28-year-old management consultant with Richter & Associates, later told *The CJN* the evening was "entertaining" but likely it did not put any doubt in the mind of anyone there about whether they should stay in the province. In fact, some were a little angry, he thought. Richler is respected as an author and known to be controversial by people in his age group, but they do not look to him as some sort of guru. "He's really of our parents' era.

"I'm a bilingual, anglophone Jew who is here to stay ... Everywhere has its problems."

Richler charged AYJA $5,000 for the lecture. It had been agreed his topic would be his book, *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec!*

The lecture and its fallout was page one news in *La Presse* for two days in a row.

Richler was chosen by AYJA because it was hoped he would be "a drawing card" to bring out young Jews. In fact, the Saturday night event, for which tickets were $25, commanded barely a half-full house.

Singer pointed out that two other speakers that evening gave contrary views to Richler's: AYJA member Neil Drabkin and YM-YWHA board member Roy Salomon.

Drabkin, 31, senior policy adviser to Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner, ironically began the evening with a strong declaration that he is here to stay, although he lives five days a week in Ottawa.

"I am a Quebecer. This is my home ... I will not be taking part in any exodus ... And I am going to fight for my future here in Quebec by opposing in whatever way I can the bigots and the haters in this society who would drive us out, whether in the name of so-called linguistic or cultural purity, or in the name of racial purity, like the vandals who attacked Jewish buildings in Laval ..."

He handed over a $6,500 cheque from the ministry for AYJA's continued activities.

Drabkin later commented that Richler "profoundly underestimated the passion" the young Jews have for Quebec. "The exodus of young Jews out of the province is largely over. Those who remain have made an unequivocal commitment to participate actively in order to ensure the continued vitality of a commmunity that has made a rich and immeasurable contribution to the building of a strong Quebec and Canada."

Salomon, who is in the real estate business, concluded the evening by urging the audience to "not run anywhere" because every place has its particular problems.

"It's not all rosy, but there's still a great future here."

A good economic opportunity elsewhere may be a reason to move, but certainly not because "the apostrophe is no longer in the Eaton sign."

As for Richler's censure of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and its officials, one of the wounded parties, Quebec region executive director Michael Crelinsten, said the author's opinion on CJC is "irrelevant" and that his "misrepresentation" of a private meeting was "inappropriate" in such a venue.

Crelinsten, who attended the lecture, said, "It is not my recollection at all of what took place at that luncheon."

CJC, he said, does not share Richler's concern for the community's future in Quebec, but its approach is to "work with all sectors of society to build a milieu and economy that will enable people to stay."

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Israeli named to UN post

TEL AVIV (JTA) –
Albert Ben-Abu, a former youth and hechalutz (pioneering) shaliach to Canada, is the first Israeli appointed to a United Nations peacekeeping force.

Ben-Abu, 46, was appointed last week as a civilian peace negotiator in talks between the warring factions in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, breakaway republics from the former state of Yugoslavia.

The United Nations had never invited Israel to contribute to any peacekeeping forces until last October, when it solicited all UN missions to contribute personnel to the UN forces in Yugoslavia. About 20 Israelis volunteered for the service and others may be named shortly.

Ben-Abu said he thought he was selected for the post because of his military experience as well as his work in the Israeli housing and foreign ministeries. He also served as an army spokesperson and worked for military intelligence.

While in Canada, he served a three-year stint from 1986-89 as the central shaliach for the youth and hechalutz department, attached to the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Prior to taking up his new UN post, Ben-Abu will accompany a delegation from Canadian Jewish Congress in Israel, serving as their liaison with the Foreign Ministry.

A native of Morocco, Ben-Abu is fluent in five languages, holds a B.A. in political science from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and is currently working toward his M.A. in international relations.

With files from Paul Lungen in Toronto.

CLEANER BEACHES

Two children building sand castles on one of Tel Aviv's beaches. But there's a serious side to their play. The government and several groups have launched a campaign to stop littering on Israel's beaches and other public places. [IPPA photo]

Future of Bonds is under debate

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO –
State of Israel Bonds leaders in Canada and reportedly around the world are downplaying what has been interpreted as a signal from Israel's finance ministry that global Bonds sales be capped at the 1992 level of just over $1 billion (U.S.).

At the very least, Israel is showing a decidedly different stance on Bonds. Whereas it once uniformly praised the financial instruments as a vital and important link to the Diaspora, it now seems to be saying a change is needed in how Bonds are sold and how much they pay.

Over 300 Bonds leaders attending last month's Prime Minister's Conference in Jerusalem heard speeches from Prime Minister Yitzkak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres stressing that Bonds are needed more than ever.

But a speech by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat sent a different message. While Shohat said he values the important role Bonds have played since 1951, he added that changes are necessary.

And he signaled that the organization should consider capping its drive at roughly $1 billion.

"I would never look for an alternative to Israel Bonds," Shohat was quoted as saying in *The Jerusalem Post*. "But of course it is true that we need to lower the amount you raise and lower the rate of interest.

"We don't want to weaken the organization but we only need $1 billion [this year]."

The minister said the $10 billion U.S. loan guarantee, freed by Washington last year, will provide the cheapest money Israel can find.

The next day, according to the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, a small crisis erupted when the *Post* reported that the Israeli government was looking for a "cheaper alternative" to Bonds.

The article claimed the change in policy was a result of the U.S. loan guarantee. Israel will receive $2 billion of that in 1993 at a much cheaper rate than Bonds pay.

The article sent government officials and Bonds leaders scrambling to contain the damage and restore confidence in Israel's continued support of Bonds.

Shohat himself later assured delegates that the government has no intention of dismantling the organization and the Post ran a glowing editorial about Bonds.

Shohat's original message was "disheartening," Charles Diamond, national director of Canada-Israel Securities, told *The CJN*'s Jerusalem correspondent, Leora Frucht.

The advantage of Israel Bonds, Diamond said, is that they have "no strings attached," unlike the U.S. loan guarantees.

Canada, he said, has "big plans" for 1993: the sale of $110 million (U.S.) worth of Bonds, a 22 percent increase over last year, when just over $90 million was raised.

Worldwide, 1992 was the long-awaited

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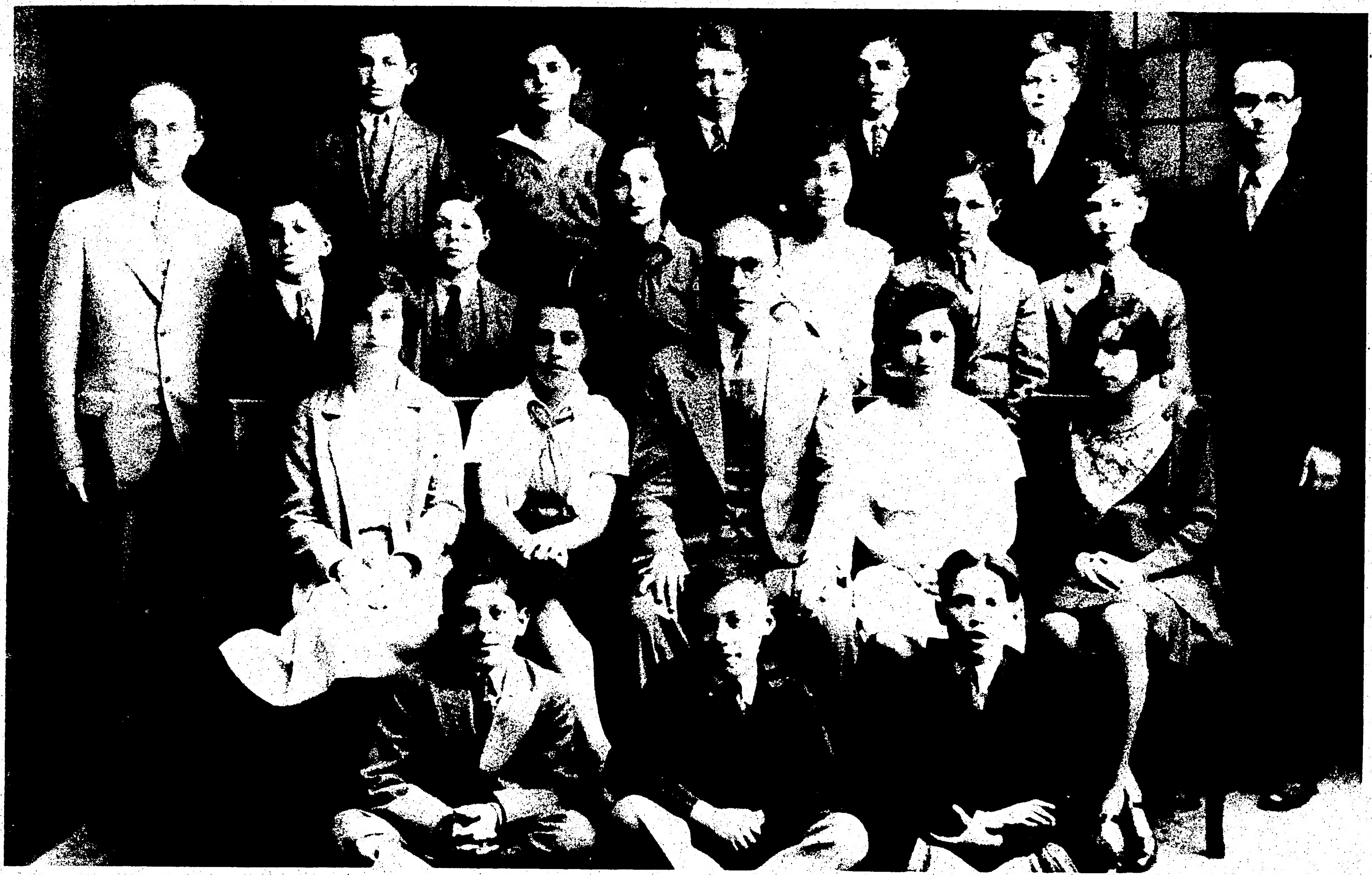

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Ever since *The CJN* printed old time graduation pictures, the Associated Alumni Association has received many graduation photographs. Most recently a photo was donated for the new Alumni Museum, but identification of the graduating class, the graduates and the year of graduation are not available. Call Arthur Tannenbaum at (416) 789-7471 if you can provide this information or if you are able to donate some photos.

Intermarriage 'cures' elicit interesting solutions

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — A forum on intermarriage recently heard one woman's invitation to young people to come to her house for Shabbat dinner and a plea from a young mother for a Jewish education for her 3-year-old child.

Miriam Steindler, a former Hebrew school teacher, offered to host young people and offered other suggestions. "We need the involvement of rabbis in Toronto in this problem," she said. "Open the synagogues on the High Holy Days to those without tickets, even it is not to the main sanctuary."

The idea of Shabbat dinners did not appeal to one student in the audience of 150. Identifying herself only as "Marlo", she said: "It's not cool to sit at home for dinner."

Galina Mayer, a mother of three children, said she was worried about the lack of facilities for a Jewish education for her 3-year-old. "We need a target group and I don't see any efforts to educate the real young children. I feel I can lose my child."

The forum and panel at Barbara Frum Library was sponsored by the Association for Jewish Continuity.

There is a proposal to raise $25 to $30 million netting an income of a "couple of million" a year to sponsor Project Continuity in Toronto said panel member Aaron Brotman, chair of a Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto task force on assimilation and intermarriage.

"In my view, this will happen in about a year, once the issues are clarified," he said.

Citing statistics given to the forum by moderator Edmond Lipsitz that only 10 percent of children of Orthodox families intermarry, compared with 30 percent of Reform families, audience member Ben Hope declared: "I'm a member of a Conservative congregation. The Reform have missed the boat, the Conservatives have missed the boat, but the Orthodox have not made the same mistakes. What are they doing right?"

Talia Klein, chair of the Jewish Students Network of Canada, said Jewish student groups on campus get only enough funding for a poster to promote a meeting, while opposition groups employ "flashy" tactics.

After Brotman remarked that Jewish student groups did not draw large turnouts, Rabbi Michael Skobac, director of Hillel, asked by the moderator to respond, countered that it was not fair to expect university students to have a higher rate of affiliation with Jewish organizations than the general public. "I'm extremely concerned about the public school students who don't step foot into a shul after their bar mitzvah, we can't afford to lose them," said Elsa Chandler, chair of the North York Board of Education. She invited suggestions about what the School Board could do, saying she had no proposals of her own.

"Anti-Semitism is not the main problem any more," said panel member Professor Leo Davids of York University. "Or is it to lobby MP's on how they should vote on Middle East issues...it's Johnny Cohen who

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Workshop exposes racist activities

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — More than 200 people packed into the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto recently to attend a workshop exposing the activities of white supremacist groups in Canadian communities.

The workshop, sponsored by the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, Klanbusters and the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations, was held in order to lift the cover on such groups as the Heritage Front and the Ku Klux Klan.

In the opening remarks, Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre acknowledged the presence of some Heritage Front members and told them that even though they would not identify themselves he hoped that "tonight we are able to breathe some fresh air into your withered, dried-out hearts."

Martin Theriault, executive director of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice and a noted writer on racism issues, said that although a lot of people think of white supremacists as hoodlums "they could be your neighbors. The new approach taken by these groups is that they do not hate, they are just proud to be white. The ticket upon which they are selling themselves is that they are looking for equal rights for whites."

He added that the Heritage Front, led by director Wolfgang Droege, portrays itself as a "good bunch of people against whom people are discriminating. The group's purpose is to go out into the community and talk about equal rights for whites. They claim they do not hate anyone or promote violence."

Our challenge, Theriault said, is to combat these groups and not only oppose them but develop a pro-active approach. "When these Nazis show up on the street we have to be there to say no. We have to reinforce a movement of tolerance on the local level and promote respect for all the different elements that are out there."

He noted that people have to organize at the grassroots level to make sure that the message is out that we do not want racism in our neighborhoods. "White supremacists are not just targeting one group. Their target is democracy. Their real agenda, the real stuff, is to get rid of us."

In order to build up an anti-racism climate, education must continue on an ongoing basis, Theriault commented. "School boards have to climb aboard this campaign. Right now it is hard to get school boards involved in a preventive solution. What they do is call us after an incident. You can't, however, always look for a solution after the fact. If you want to get rid of a headache, you might just have to look into changing your diet. When dealing with racists, the first enemy of democracy is silence and denial."

When asked about his views on freedom of expression, Theriault said that he believes an individual should enjoy freedom of expression but "I have a problem when one's freedom of expression undermines everyone's freedom."

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Richler tells young Jews to leave Quebec

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Writer Mordecai Richler told an audience of young Jews that if he was their age, he wouldn't stay in Quebec because he sees little future for the anglophone community here. He advised them not to "invest too much emotionally and financially" in this province.

He said Quebec is entering a "tribal period of great intolerance. If I was 22 or 25, I wouldn't stay; who needs it?...If I was young, I would hope for the best, but prepare for the worst."

He made it clear he is pessimistic not because they are Jews, but rather English-speaking. Francophone Jews, such as the Sephardim of Moroccan origin, probably are more welcome here, and jokingly suggested they "buy out" the Ashkenazim.

"It's not sufficient to be bilingual and open; it's necessary to be de souche (old stock French Canadian)." In the Quebec of tomorrow, "some will be more equal than others."

Richler's talk was sponsored by the Association of Young Jewish Adults (AYJA), a club that encourages this age group not to leave, and held at the Saidye Bronfman Centre. The 350-seat theatre was less than half-full; the $25 ticket price and limiting of admission to those under 35 may have affected attendance.

This was Richler's first public address to a Montreal Jewish audience since his book *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec! Requiem for a Divided Nation* was published last spring.

He used the forum to express the "betrayal" he felt by Canadian Jewish Congress' (CJC) efforts to dissociate the Jewish community from Richler's opinions on Quebec anti-Semitism, after the book and an earlier essay in New Yorker magazine in the fall of 1991 were published.

With caustic humor and trenchant characterizations, he recreated a private conversation he had with CJC officials Alan Rose, Michael Crelinsten, Jack Jedwab and Frank Schlesinger in detail that left no doubt about his disdain for the organization. That meeting followed on the publication of an op-ed article under Crelinsten's byline in *La Presse* and *The Gazette*, which downplayed anti-Semitism as an issue, and Schlesinger's comments to *Le Devoir* that Richler's views were "reprehensible."

Among other well-chosen words, Richler called CJC "obsequious," "timorous apparatchiks" and "court Jews" who want to "make nice" with Quebec nationalists.

What bothered Richler the most was that they agreed in private with him, but felt they had to "denounce me (publicly) to prove they are loyal Quebecers."

CJC's warning that Richler was playing into the hands of anti-semites didn't wash with him. "They need no help from me, neither will I be intimidated."

B'nai Brith was spared Richler's wrath. "They said I was a free agent and it was monstrous to demand that the Jewish community [denounce me] for my own opinion.

"I do not speak for the Jewish community, and it most certainly does not speak for me."

Of all the outrage expressed by French Quebecers, Richler recalled one letter from a francophone Montreal architect as particularly telling. It concluded that a guest should not (defecate) on his host's front porch.

"Now I am a guest in the land where I was born. The tribalists are so dense, they can't grasp when they are being anti-Semitic."

Richler said his article and book was intended to show the "silliness" of Bill 178 and banning of English signs. On the matter of anti-Semitism, he said he wanted to make three points: that Canon Lionel Groulx was a "rabid anti-Semite"; that *Le Devoir* had a "long history" of anti-Semitism; and prejudice against Jews is more prevalent in Quebec than the rest of Canada, as evidenced by three separate surveys.

What distinguishes Quebec's anti-Semitic period from elsewhere in Canada and the United States in the '30s, Richler said, is that the latter was a "blight limited to its times" extending no further than "the lunatic fringe."

By contrast, *Le Devoir* was a "mainstream journal of ideas" and Groulx remains a revered figure today in Quebec, he said.

English Quebecers also harbored anti-Semitism, expressed in discrimination against Jews at universities, in corporations and clubs, Richler said, but it was "never as virulent" as that of francophones.

"I can't recall anglophones marching through the Jewish district in 1941 yelling 'Kill the Jews.'"

Racism in Quebec today is exemplified by the "sanitized" version of the St. Jean Baptiste Society that paints immigrants and non-francophones as a threat, Richler said.

In response to a question, Richler said he thinks much of Bill 101 is "reasonable," in particular, those sections that make French the language of the workplace and that he understands many francophones feel threatened about their culture. "While there are xenophobic elements, it would be unfair to generalize that Quebecers hate Jews."

He said he still believes the majority of Quebecers have "too much commonsense" to opt for independence, but "if they do, the rest of us should not stand in their way."

Anglophones, he thinks, will not have "the luxury" of a protest vote in the next election and the Equality Party therefore likely has no future. (Richler stumped for Richard Holden in 1989.)

On a lighter note, Richler gave a few hints about a lengthy article he is writing for the New Yorker inspired by his month-long visit to Israel last fall. He looked up people he grew up with who made aliyah 40 years ago, stayed at an artists' colony in Jerusalem, and had his new typewriter blown up when it was left behind at the airport.

Heritage Front leader Droege in court on injunction charge

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege will be in Federal Court in Toronto on Feb. 23, when he must convince a judge why he should not be charged with contempt of court.

Droege will have his work cut out: earlier this month, the Canadian Human Rights Commission convinced a Federal Court judge in Ottawa to grant the hearing, based on the commission's argument that the white-supremacist Front has violated an injunction preventing it from playing certain messages on its telephone hotline [CJN, Feb. 4].

The injunction, issued last August, prohibited further use of hotline messages which target people on the basis of religion or race.

The commission says two messages recorded in mid-January are anti-Semitic.

One called the late film comedy actor Charlie Chaplin "a little traitor ... whose Communist tendencies and sexual attitudes were his norm." The message said Chaplin's real name was Israel Thornstein.

The other alleges that Reform Party leader Preston Manning is "kowtowing" to Jewish groups.

"The messages are clearly anti-Jewish," said David Satok, chair of the community relations community of Canadian Jewish Congress.

There is "no doubt" that the name Israel Thornstein is of Jewish origin and no doubt that the Front's attempt to link Communism with Judaism is an old anti-Semitic canard, CJC stated in a recent letter to the commission.

If convicted of contempt, Droege could face up to two years in prison.

Droege has denied that the messages are anti-Semitic. He says this latest action is "only a desperate measure of the Jewish congress to do anything they can" to shut down the hotline.

The Front hotline is being investigated by the commission separately to see whether it violates the Canada's Human Rights Act.

The two-member panel looking into allegations that the hotline targeted Native Canadians has adjourned until next month. The complaint was brought forward by the Native Canadian Centre, supported by Canadian Jewish Congress.

A third member of the panel resigned recently when Droege accused him of bias.

It was on the panel's first day of hearings last month that a wild melee broke out between some 450 anti-racism protesters and police, who were escorting Droege and about 30 of his followers into the courthouse.

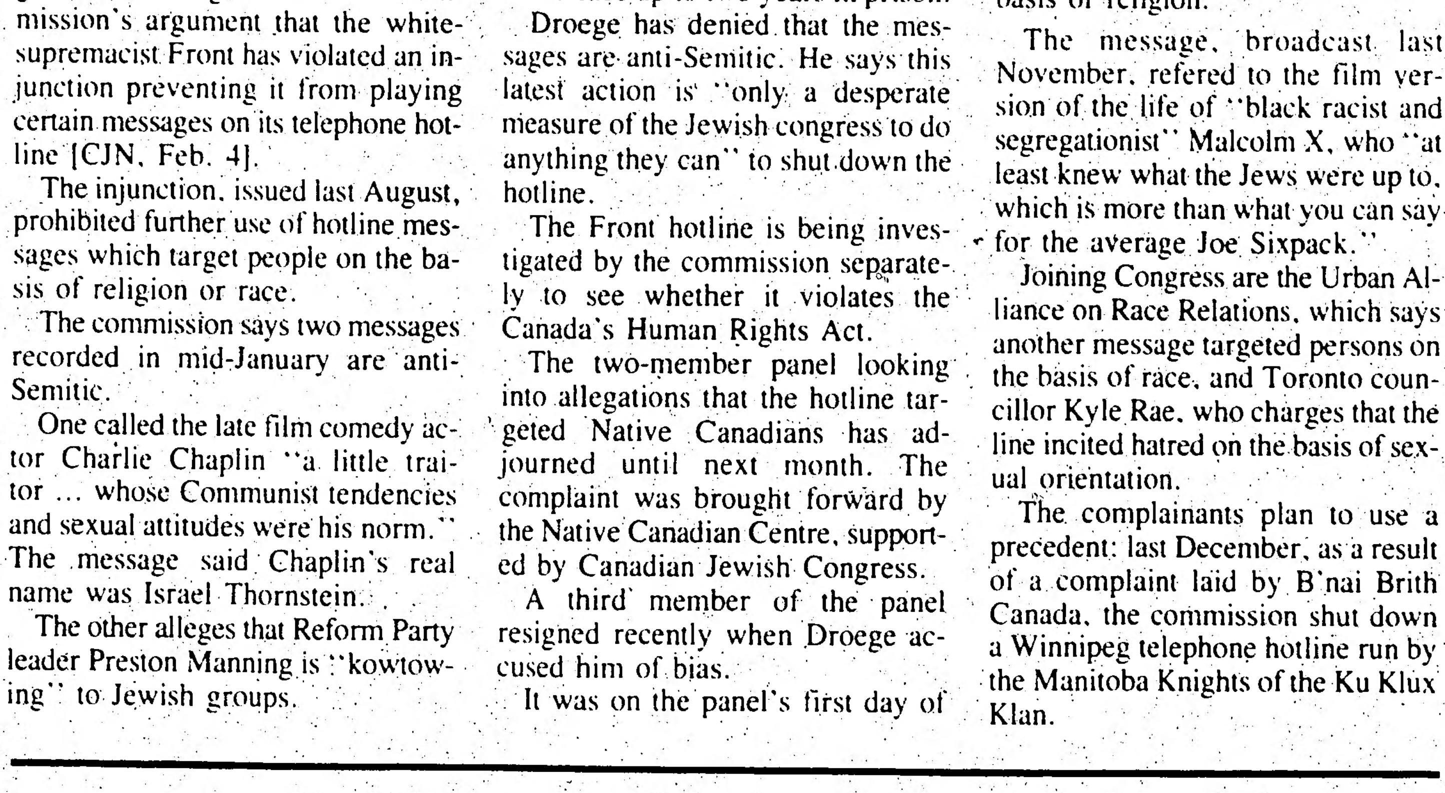
Meanwhile, three complaints have surfaced against another telephone hotline in Toronto run by Kevin Lew, self-styled Grand Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

CJC has alleged that one of the hotline's messages incited hatred on the basis of religion.

The message, broadcast last November, refered to the film version of the life of "black racist and segregationist" Malcolm X, who "at least knew what the Jews were up to, which is more than what you can say for the average Joe Sixpack."

Joining Congress are the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, which says another message targeted persons on the basis of race, and Toronto councillor Kyle Rae, who charges that the line incited hatred on the basis of sexual orientation.

The complainants plan to use a precedent: last December, as a result of a complaint laid by B'nai Brith Canada, the commission shut down a Winnipeg telephone hotline run by the Manitoba Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.



SCIENCE FAIR

Or Haemet students (from left) Shmulik Hazan, Talia Barak and Jimmy Bensimon examine an experiment on electricity prepared for the grade 8 science fair. The large turnout of enthusiastic parents, friends and relatives and the excellence of the exhibits augured well for the success of the Sephardic school, says president Jack Benquesus and vice-president Maurice Benzacar.

Deportation defended

TORONTO —
In his first major address since his arrival as Israel's vice-consul to Toronto, Chaim Waxman defended his country's temporary removal of Hamas leaders.

Addressing 75 people attending the executive committee meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, the new envoy pointed out that in the past five years Hamas has launched 157 attacks in which 36 Israelis and 107 Palestinians were killed and 148 Israelis wounded.

What is happening in Israel's territories is tied to the peace process, he explained. Hamas, a terrorist organization, objects to any Mideast peace negotiations because it believes Israel has no right to exist.

The temporary removal of the Hamas leaders by the Israeli government took place because of the acceleration of violent acts by the group in both Israel and the territories, Waxman noted. Israel wanted to signal to Arab leadership that Hamas' actions could endanger the peace process.

The diplomat charged that the media's depiction of the expulsion was "distorted because it was portrayed without context and background. Don't we Israelis have the basic human right to live freely."

Israel made the decision regarding Hamas for the safety of Israelis — both Jews and Palestinians — and for the saving of the peace process — "the most historic event taking place in our time," declared the new envoy.

The level of violence in the territories is down since the expulsion orders. "This is a definite blow to Hamas," he stated.

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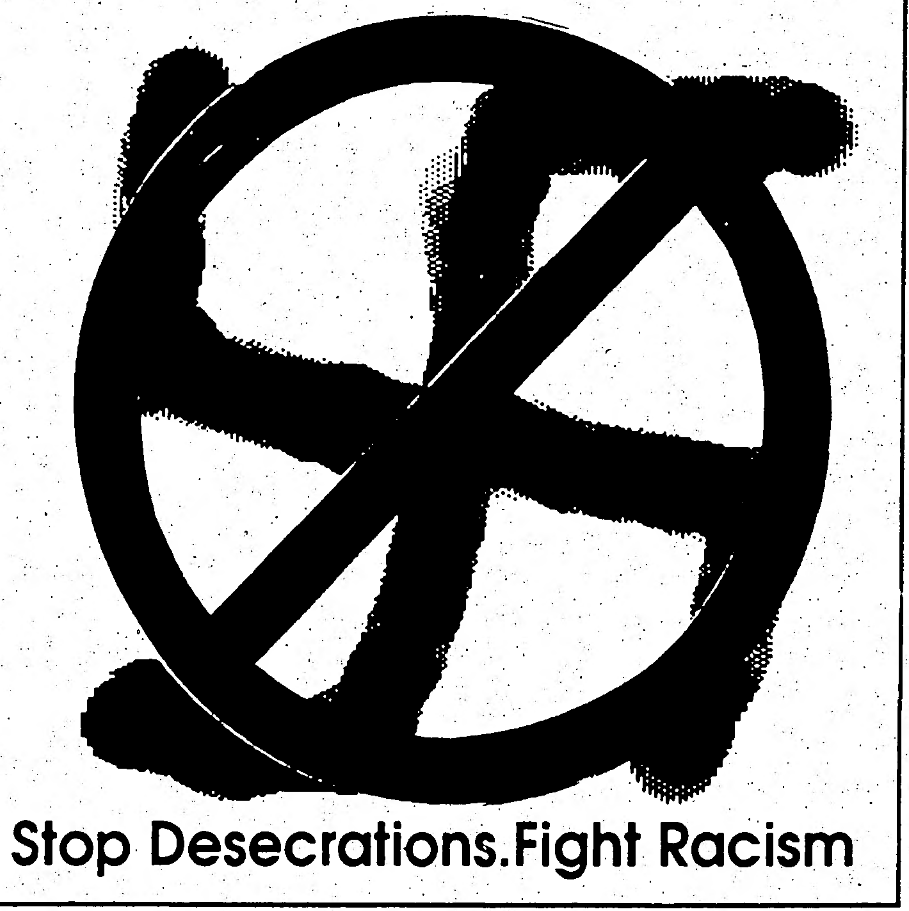

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Racist letter released

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Police have released to *The Canadian Jewish News* a copy of an anti-Semitic letter sent last month to Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation in Cote St. Luc, one of seven synagogues daubed with swastikas at the beginning of January.

Det. Lt. Rene Leduc said the letter, which is hand-written in poor English, is the only physical evidence police have to date in their investigation of the shul desecrations Jan. 1-2, and may or may not be connected to the vandalism.

The letter, postmarked in Montreal Jan. 18, was mailed to the Beth Israel Beth Aaron on Mackle Road. The letter itself was addressed to an individual (whose name has not been released) and signed by initials which appear to be "HUN."

Much of it is illegible because of the peculiar spelling. It appears to accuse Jews of "killing (a) patient" and spreading "disease, bacteria, viruses, infection."

It concludes "People know your dirty job, we watching you. We ar heer." (sic)

Leduc, who is chief of criminal investigations at Montreal Urban Community police station 15 in NDG, said police are making the letter public in the hope someone might recognize the handwriting.

Anyone with information is asked to called Det.-Sgt. Rufin Boudreau at 280-2515 or 280-2597.

Police also received a report from Lisette Sebag, who lives across the street from the Beth Rambam synagogue on Westminster Avenue in Cote St. Luc, where a 6-inch swastika in red marker pen ink was found.

She told police, and later *The CJN*, that early in the morning of Jan. 31 she saw two men and a woman outside the synagogue. When she yelled at them from her window, they ran off to a car about five or six houses away.

The only description she could provide was that the men were in their 30s, were white and had dark hair, and the woman was in her 20s and slender. The car they drove off in was a dark color and had a noisy muffler.

She did not report to police what she later told *The CJN* about finding the words "Juif" and "Nazi" and several swastikas drawn on her house the next day.

She did not see their faces or any of the license number.

"I was born in Palestine, during the British mandate, and I remember Arab terrorism at the time of independence. These things make me very worried."

"The information she gave us does not help much," said Leduc. He said his department has received only one call in connection with the $10,000 reward offered by Canadian Jewish Congress and the Sun Youth Organization, despite the distribution of 10,000 fliers around Montreal advertising it.

And that call was described by Leduc as vague information by someone who "heard something, from someone, who had heard something."

Two school buses used by a chassidic school located just outside Outremont were painted with swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti while parked over the Jan. 30-31 weekend on Fairmount Avenue, behind College Francais.

In Ottawa, St. Henri-Westmount Member of Parliament David Berger called on Justice Minister Pierre Blais to support B'nai Brith's recommendation that a royal commission on racism be established.

"There is troubling evidence that these are not isolated incidents. New groups are emerging in Canada, students are being recruited in our schools, and modern technologies are being used to propagate hatred."

In addition to the incidents involving Jewish targets, Berger, a Liberal, pointed to the burning of a mosque and church frequented by those of Haitian origin; and the murder by skinheads of a man they believed to be gay in the past few months.

Condemnations continue to come in from politicians and church groups as the anti-Semitic incidents mount up, including Deputy Premier Lise Bacon, the Member of the National Assembly for Chomedey, and Laval Mayor Gilles Vaillancourt.

Federal Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner said, "No open and democratic society can afford to ignore the threat that such acts pose, not only to the individuals and community so singled out, but to the society itself."

A group of 19 churches and religious organizations, largely of the Protestant evangelical tradition, issued a statement deploring the incidents and extending their sympathy and prayers to the Jewish community.

They quote Psalm 122:7: "May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels."

The Quebec office of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews (CCCJ) asked Laval Mayor Vaillancourt and the Laval police to step up their efforts and vigilance to stop these crimes.

Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montreal is circulating a petition throughout the city expressing outrage at the anti-Semitic incidents, which it intends to present to the Jewish community at the Yom Hashoah commemoration in April.

Disabled war vet praises Canada

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Joseph Luttenberg walks ramrod-straight even though his right arm is paralyzed, an injury he sustained in the Israeli War of Independence.

He exudes the confidence and determination of the people he represents, the 40,000 Israeli soldiers and airmen who have been disabled fighting for their homeland.

Luttenberg's eyes blaze with pride when he recounts how Koty Gershoni, a blind and partially deaf double amputee, who has been a guest in Toronto homes, teaches African studies to students in Tel Aviv.

And when he tells about a quadriplegic veteran who studied law after his injury, rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the army, and is now a judge in the territories, being driven to work every day.

"Our disabled veterans are in the Knesset, in government and in the universities," he said. "If your head works, and you have a strong will, it can happen."

Joseph Luttenberg

When this 63-year-old veteran, born in Israel to Lithuanian Jews, who lost a son in the Yom Kippur War, gets on the subject of how well disabled Israeli veterans are hosted here through the efforts of Beit Halochem Canada and local synagogues, he practically lifts off his chair.

"They all want to come to Canada," he said. "When they come back they are so excited. And it's wonderful to see how they reciprocate when their Toronto hosts visit Israel."

A total of 6,000 Israeli disabled veterans have visited Jewish families in Canada, the United States, Great Britain and other countries since the 1967 Six Day War.

Luttenberg is in Canada to bring local Beit Halochem officers up to date on the $15 million centre now being built in Jerusalem, expected to open in 18 months, for which Beit Halochem is raising $2 million in Canada to cover the cost of the centre's equipment. There are also centres in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

His optimism rises to the surface again when he relates how a Yugoslavian Jew by the name of Fleishman, who died in Switzerland, left $50 million to Jewish causes, including $5.5 million for Beit Halochem (House of Warriors) and this enabled the Jerusalem project to be born. "I never met the man and no one seemed to know much about him," Luttenberg said.

Another bonanza for Israeli veterans had its origins in Switzerland. "When the Six Day War started, a committee in Switzerland began raising money for the Israeli refugees they felt would have to come to other countries when Israel was destroyed in the war. They raised a million dollars but of course it wasn't needed for the purpose they had in mind. They sent a mission to Israel to decide what to do with the money. It was like a dream for us. But we had stiff opposition from the Israeli minister of finance who also wanted the money. But we won out and received the money, except for $100,000 which went to Ben Gurion University in the Negev."

The Israeli disabled veterans themselves pay 40 percent of the organization's operating budget through fees, he said, but Beit Halochem depends to a great extent on the generosity of Jews in the Diaspora for capital purposes.

What some people fail to realize is that even in so-called peacetime, the number of disabled veterans in Israel is rising 2,000 a year, as a result of injuries fighting the intifada and sustained in training.

No other country in the world provides for its wounded soldiers to the same extent as Israel, Luttenberg said proudly. "And Israel integrates its rehabilitation services with the ministry of defence, a concept pioneered by David Ben Gurion, its first prime minister, who realized that Israel would have to fight more than one war."

However, despite the level of services in Israel itself, veterans are sometimes sent to other countries for treatment, for example, two pilots with "phantom pain" in their backs are being ministered to in the United States, while others are being fitted with artificial limbs in the United States.

Senator, rabbi among Israeli award recipients

NEW YORK —

A Japanese-American United States senator, a Brooklyn-born chief rabbi of an Israeli community located in Judea and an organization of Israeli disabled war veterans recently received The Defender of Jerusalem Award.

This year's recipients were U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi of Efrat, Israel and the Zahal Disabled Veterans Organization of Israel.

In one of his final addresses as Israel's ambassador to the United States, Zalman Shoval commended the achievements of the three recipients and linked the work of each to enhancing the prospects of peace in the Middle East.

He received an ovation from the crowd of more than 300 persons, when he stated that United States and Israeli relations generally have remained favorable in recent years "mostly due to one man, Senator Daniel Inouye."

The senator, a disbled war veteran, also was presented with a small menorah by another of the evening's award recipients, the Zahal Disabled Veterans Organization.

National chair Joseph Luttenberg accepted The Defender of Jerusalem Award on behalf of the organization's 40,000 members. The disabled war veterans, wounded during and since Israel's War of Independence, were honored as being "literal defenders of Jerusalem."

The third Defender of Jerusalem Award was presented to Rabbi Riskin who founded and serves as chief rabbi of Efrat, a sophisticated Judean community which peacefully co-exists with its Arab neighbors.

First presented in 1983 by the Jabotinsky Foundation, The Defender of Jerusalem Award annually recognizes and honors those individuals or groups whose outstanding actions have contributed to defending the rights of the Jewish people.

Athletes prepare for Maccabiah

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
With fewer than five months to go to the start of the 14th Maccabiah Games in Israel, Canadian Jewish athletes are in the process of vying for cherished spots on the Canadian team.

Out of the 6,000 athletes from 52 nations set to compete next July 5-15 at the "Jewish Olympics," as the Maccabiah has long been dubbed, 250 to 275 of them (including coaches and support staff) will be Canadian, said Bob Luxenberg, a vice-chair on the national athletics committee that makes the final picks for the squad.

Already, Luxenberg said, several of the team sports, including mini-soccer, softball, rugby, golf and tennis, have been finalized.

Individual selections, Luxenberg said, will begin to be made at the end of March.

The wrestling team, which has won Canada scores of medals since 1950, held its tryouts Feb. 7 in Montreal amid high hopes that that particular tradition would continue.

Coached by veteran Canadian wrestler Garry Kallos and managed by Rob Moore, the squad will number between 10 and 14 — depending on final funding, Luxenberg said — and will almost certainly include some tantalizing talent from the former Soviet Union. They included Oleg Ladik — the 1992 Canada Cup champion and 1989 world junior freestyle champion — and Sacha Dudayev.

Among the top Canadian prospects were Olympian Andy Borodow, the Mendelsohn brothers — David and Josef —, 1992 Canadian Espoir champion Aaron Pomeroy, and Ari Taub, 1991 Canadian Seniors champion.

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Pictured with team coach Garry Kallos (left) and manager Rob Moore (right) are some of the Jewish wrestlers that vied for a place on the Canadian team going to the July 5-15 Maccabiah Games. From left they are David Levinson, Rudy Adler, Oleg Ladik, Sacha Dudayev, and Richard Schwartz.

The overall Canadian contingent, whose expenses by tradition are fully covered by the Maccabi Canada organization, will also include a smattering of disabled athletes — a Canadian initiative that won rapid world-wide support — and Junior athletes aged 13 to 16.

A separate "Master's" category — consisting of athletes aged 35 and up who pay their own way — will also be part of the Canadian team.

In general terms, the Maccabiah is being billed as "two weeks to experience and a lifetime to remember," and in that context is going all out to attract record numbers of tourists. Canadian organizers are planning to fill a Boeing 747 with athletes and tourists.

The Maccabiah also has been a natural draw by giving tourists a concrete bonding experience with Jewish brethren from 50 countries.

The opening ceremony at Ramat Gan National stadium, for example, will display the traditional pomp and pageantry associated with the Olympics: the march of the delegations, lighting the torch, color displays by each national team, fireworks, and an address by the president of Israel.

On the eve of the games — July 4 — Israel will host a salute to our guests show in Jerusalem, highlighted by songs and musical performances.

The closing ceremony two weeks later in Jerusalem will include the participation of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

And while Jewish brotherhood, more than medal-counts, has always tended to be the primary focus of the Maccabiah, don't tell that to the athletes, who compete fiercely at the individual and team levels during the events.

Canada has usually finished third in the medal count behind Israel and the United States, but the task at hand could be tougher this summer, Luxenberg suggested, because of the first ever participation by several former "eastern Bloc" nations and South Africa.

Hopes are high for Canadian team medals and in gymnastics, he said, but there is less certainty about prospects in other, individual-oriented sports like swimming and track and field, Luxenberg said.

The countries attending for the first time since World War II include Bulgaria, the Czech and Slovak republics, Poland, the Slavo-Asian republics, and Baltic States.

Israel's team will also be bolstered by immigrants coming from the former Soviet Union, now known as the Commonwealth of Independent States, which is also participating.

Navy officer charges bias; says faith blocked posting

By RON CSILLAG

VANCOUVER —
A naval reserve officer is taking Defence Minister Kim Campbell and Canada's Chief of Defence Staff to Federal Court, alleging that he was denied a plum posting during the Gulf War because he is Jewish.

Lieut. Andrew Liebmann, 29, says he did "everything I could to avoid going to court," but had to because a two-year internal Canadian Armed Forces grievance did not allay his belief that he was discriminated against as a Jew.

Liebmann's odyssey began in January, 1991, when he was a reservist aboard HMCS Discovery in Vancouver. Just as the Gulf War began, he applied to be executive assistant to Commodore Kenneth Summers, commander of Canadian forces in the Middle East. The posting was to have been to Bahrain.

His statement of claim, filed with the court last week, says Liebmann was told by his staff officer aboard the Discovery that his application would not be approved by the Department of National Defence because he was Jewish. He said he was told that another officer would get the job.

Liebmann told *The CJN* that an officer at Maritime Command in Halifax told him he would not get the posting because of his religion.

The concern was expressed that being a Jew in Bahrain might pose a threat to his personal safety or could impair his ability to do his job, Liebmann added.

Liebmann said he was then told that an officer from the Air Force would get the posting.

Finally, Liebmann was told that the job was posted in error and that Summers' aide would be staying on.

"There are quite a few inconsistencies" in the Forces' version of events, Liebmann said. "There is no doubt in my mind that the reason I didn't get the job is because I'm Jewish."

Capt. Marc Rouleau of the Department of National Defence told *The CJN* that while there is a policy to exclude certain members of the Forces from peacekeeping missions, no one is excluded from war-time service.

Rouleau called Liebmann's plight a "misunderstanding" because the job for which he had applied "was no longer required."

Rouleau added that at least three Jewish members of the Forces took part in the Canadian effort during the Gulf War.

In February, 1991, Mary Collins, then associate minister of national defence, wrote Liebmann a letter of apology but added that his "impression" of discrimination was "an unfortunate misunderstanding." The letter went on to state that Liebmann had been erroneously told he would not get the posting because of his religion.

Last October, the former Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. John de Chastelain, wrote Liebmann, upholding Collins' letter as "logically reasoned and militarily valid."

Children's medical facility opens

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
Israeli children in need of heart-lung transplants will no longer have to travel abroad to undergo this complex operation. A state-of-the-art children's medical facility opened this week alongside the large Beilinson Medical Center in Petach Tikvah.

In addition to having the latest technical equipment and medical advances, the hospital is intended to serve as a "bridge of peace" between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Although the facility is not yet fully operational, it has already admitted children from Arab countries for treatment.

The facility is a teaching medical centre affiliated with the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, and conducts research together with the Felsenstein Research Medical Center, next door, and the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot.

Much of its $60 million cost came from Jewish contributors abroad, foremost among them philanthropists Irving and Helen Schneider of New York. The hospital's director is Dr. Yehuda Danon, a former chief medical officer of the Israel Defence Force.

The medical centre will serve children from throughout Israel requiring specialized or advanced treatment. Its departments include a pediatric emergency ward, pediatric intensive care unit, specialized imaging equipment and a pediatric cardiac surgical theatre.

A 10-year-old Ethiopian immigrant, in Israel barely two months, beamed at reporters as her mother explained in broken Hebrew that she had been desperately sick in Ethiopia but now seemed on the way to recovery.

The centre intends to place special emphasis on adolescent medicine, according to its deputy director, Dr. Eliahu Vilensky. Among the particular medical problems encountered in this age group he listed drug addiction, alcohol dependency, pregnancy and eating disorders.

Another specialization of the new facility will be children's cancer. The centre contains Israel's only pediatric oncology department, providing bone-marrow and organ transplants.

The new facility will also provide unique psychological support services, for families as well as the patients.

A large team of psychologists are on hand to help patients before and after traumatic treatments, and to ease their return to normal life after a period of hospitalization.

The seven-floor, ultra-modern building houses 224 beds, 60 percent of them for day patients and emergencies, and the remainder for longer-term patients.

Bonds' future debated

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year when Bonds sales reached the $1 billion mark. A total of $1.172 billion (U.S.) worth of Bonds were sold, an 18 percent jump over the year before.

"The reports we've been hearing in Israel won't alter our plans," Diamond said. "Israel still needs the money." He said the worldwide target for this year is $1.5 billion (U.S.).

Toronto Bonds leader Henry Zieleniec called Shohat's remarks a "blow [to] the stomach."

He said he could understand the Israeli government's need to lower Bonds' interest rates (which pay between four and 6.5 percent), but that Shohat's message "was not a very businesslike way to handle it."

Zieleniec said he'll continue to buy Bonds as before.

The timing of Shohat's message "was a little unfortunate," said Michael Florence, chair of Bonds' Ontario region, "since it came when we were [in Israel] to get enthusiastic about selling Bonds."

A few days after the conference, Meir Rosenne, the worldwide president of Bonds, said he was "unequivocally" reassured by government officials that Bonds will not be tampered with.

Diamond said there is a general "lack of understanding" in Israel of the importance of both Israel Bonds and United Jewish Appeal.

The controversy did not faze David Nadler of Montreal, who was one of three members of the delegation to Jerusalem presented with a Heritage Award for having purchased over $5 million worth of Bonds.

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CJN Exclusive

Gabe Nachman

Gabe Nachman, a partner-in-charge at Coopers and Lybrand accountancy firm, joined B'nai Brith's Forestdale Heights Lodge some dozen years ago because he wanted to play baseball. What began as a recreational outlet has become a deep commitment to the organization's goals and activities. His election as B'nai Brith's national president last June is his latest accomplishment in a volunteer career which has included virtually every position in his lodge as well as several national positions. Nachman spoke with CJN reporter Frances Kraft recently at his Toronto office.

CJN: *What are your priorities as president of B'nai Brith Canada?*

Nachman: I have a number of priorities. One is administrative. Most charitable organizations are not run in the same efficient manner as a business. A charity isn't expected to make profit, but we want it to run efficiently, which means things like upgrading computer systems [a new system has just been installed] and service to members of the lodges, the League for Human Rights and the Institute for International Affairs.

The other priority I have is fighting racism in this community. There's a lot of anti-Semitism in Canada. It's just not acceptable, so we've got to fight it, and in that context my objective is giving support to those working in the League for Human Rights.

I also take part in the lobbying that other B'nai Brith agencies, such as the Institute for International Affairs, do. One of the important roles I feel I serve when I go with them and speak for B'nai Brith is to show that B'nai Brith's wholehearted support is behind what we're doing. That is important, because then politicians know they're not speaking just to an individual but to representatives of an organization.

CJN: *At one point B'nai Brith was over $2 million in debt. How is the organization holding up financially?*

Nachman: Most of the debt is a mortgage on our building, and our equity is way, way in excess of that.

CJN: *How has B'nai Brith been affected by the recession?*

Nachman: The recession obviously affects us. The level of donations go down, and that's no different than any other charity. But you know, it's not affected that much. On an annual basis, it's about break-even. In 1991 (1992 hasn't been audited yet) we were sort of break-even, and that to me was admirable in that kind of an economy.

CJN: *How have budget cuts to Hillel and BBYO affected B'nai Brith's relationships with students, and to what extent does B'nai Brith support students now?*

Nachman: Our commitment to students was and always will be very strong. Our commitment, of course, is dependent on how much money we have. I'd like to support them 100 percent, but if you don't have the money to support 100 percent, then you support in the way you can.

There was a strong perception in the community that we stopped supporting BBYO. Although we aren't registered as the sponsor of BBYO as in the past, they are in our building. We don't charge them anything. We pay many of their expenses including their employees who are still on the B'nai Brith payroll.

We also take co-op students who go to school part of the year and work part of the year as part of their school program. Much of that is done through grants. The experience that we're able to give them in the areas that they're working is fantastic.

CJN: *Where does B'nai Brith fit into the larger Jewish community?*

Nachman: It's what I would call in business terms a major player. I think that because we represent so many members, it's a voice that can't be ignored.

I think the community is large enough that there doesn't necessarily have to be one voice. There can be different voices.

I sometimes wish there wouldn't be as much criticism of each other, but in a sense it's good, because if you're alone and you run a monopoly, you can say whatever you want. If you are not alone and it's not a monopoly, whatever you say you know could be challenged. It's important that noone feels they have enough power and enough representation that they speak for the whole community.

The other side of it is that B'nai Brith Canada is part of B'nai Brith International, and we have access to information and co-operation, which can be very important in dealing with advocacy work on problems like anti-Semitism. If there is anti-Semitism that originates in another country and starts to impact Canada, we can go to that community through B'nai Brith and get enough information that we can react quickly here.

CJN: *How would you describe the relationship between B'nai Brith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress?*

Nachman: That relationship varies depending on who you talk to and when you talk to them. I personally have a good working relationship with Irving Abella, the president of Congress. I've had lots of meetings with him and others in Congress, and it's always been in a co-operative sense. We don't always agree, and we don't have to agree, but the perception in the community, because we disagree sometimes, is that we're fighting each other. I think the differences of opinion are healthy. I've been at meetings where we conclude by saying we agree to disagree, but we part friends. We're not enemies.

The differences of views aren't quite as drastic as is perceived. We agree and we work together in many instances. The Canada-Israel Committee is an example. We might have different views on where the Green Line should be, but we agree on the basic principle that we're there to support Israel and Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people. Noone is going to work against that.

CJN: *Are there other misconceptions about B'nai Brith which you'd like to correct?*

Nachman: B'nai Brith serves a number of purposes, and some of our members who are involved in one aspect, such as CVS (community volunteer services) or advocacy, think that that's all we should do.

These services are more linked than people realize. CVS adds credibility to an organization. It demonstrates that we're not there just to shoot off our mouths and talk to politicians, but it adds value to the community. So when you do go to Ottawa and talk to a politician about things that are important to the Jewish community and Israel, they know that you're not just a lobbyist, but that you're fully integrated into the Canadian community, and not just the Jewish community because much of the stuff is not Jewish-oriented. Much of it is community oriented. This is a serious organization that has the interest of this community at heart, is prepared to work for it, and represents a significant segment of the community.

It takes a while to understand what B'nai Brith is. Many people don't see B'nai Brith in its totality.

CJN: *How is B'nai Brith addressing the issues of assimilation and intermarriage?*

Nachman: We've concluded that education at a young age is one of the only ways to preserve Jewishness. We have people who go to schools, both public and Jewish schools, to speak on things like anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, and the Jewish way of life.

I don't necessarily agree that assimilation will be the downfall of the Jewish people. It's widespread, obviously. Our multi-cultural society is highly supported by government and B'nai Brith, and I think that as long as that occurs and as long as the different cultures here live together well, but also identify with a culture, the assimilation problem is not going to be as serious as it has been in the United States, but nonetheless it's serious.

CJN: *What is B'nai Brith's stand on intermarried members?*

Nachman: At our last international convention there was discussion on whether non-Jewish children or spouses of B'nai Brith members should be admitted. That's not resolved. It's an issue in the United States because of the level of intermarriage. In Canada, Europe and Australia, it's not as big an issue, although it is an issue.

You must be Jewish to join B'nai Brith. It's important that a group doesn't openly restrict a *social* organization, but B'nai Brith is a *religious* organization.

There are lots of non-Jewish people involved in B'nai Brith, but they're not members. The League for Human Rights has lots of non-Jewish members. They don't belong to B'nai Brith, but they work in the League, because the League promotes multi-culturalism. As soon as you say multi-culturalism, not everyone can be Jewish.

It's interesting, some people think that every employee in the B'nai Brith office should be Jewish. I would say most aren't Jewish. When someone can do the job, we hire them. It's that simple.

CJN: *What type of issues come up in B'nai Brith's Muslim-Jewish dialogues?*

Nachman: In dialogues with Muslims and other minority groups, each group has the same issues. Racism and intermarriage are discussion points. The kind of things that are important to us are important to them too.

CJN: *To what extent are the lodges involved in such dialogues?*

Nachman: Board membership on the League for Human Rights is split about 50-50 between lodge members and non-members. If you have one person in a particular lodge who's interested in multiculturalism and works on the league, that comes back to the lodge and the lodge is directed that way too.

The other kind of participation is if the league organizes a demonstration, there's a lot of lodge participation, because we have a common cause.

CJN: *What do you see as the major issues facing world Jewry?*

Nachman: In my mind the important things are the preservation of Israel, the preservation of our religion, the prevention of another Holocaust and the elimination of anti-Semitic activity.

Israel must at all costs continue to exist and continue to be the homeland of the Jewish people, because I don't want to see another Holocaust.

I don't want to see another holocaust affecting any people. The world has taken a big stride toward world peace in recent years, but we can't tolerate things like Bosnia. (B'nai Brith Canada sent medicine and five tons of clothing to Bosnia.)

CJN: *Is the distance between the regions in Canada a problem in terms of your job?*

Nachman: The big difference is that I've got to travel to meet people, but we live in an age of electronics where these distances are nothing. Telephones are quick. Fax machines are quick. We have conventions.

Sure, communication isn't as good as it would be with somebody across the road, but that's what a national organization is.

CJN: *Was there any fallout or dissension resulting from the referendum?*

Nachman: If there was, nobody talked about it. We took a position in B'nai Brith. We were strongly in favor of a yes vote. That position was taken in consultation with B'nai Brith leaders across Canada.

There's always disagreement on aspects, but the bottom line was that everybody was in favor of a yes vote.

CJN: *How do you combine the demands of the B'nai Brith presidency with the demands of your career and the needs of your family? (Nachman is married with two children, age 12 and 15.)*

Nachman: I have the support of my firm that while I am president of B'nai Brith my clients continue to get proper service. Some days I spend 14 hours on B'nai Brith work, other days it's an hour or two.

I look at it as having two full-time jobs, but the satisfaction is worth it. That to me is the bottom line.

My wife is supportive and my kids are understanding. If I was out just working, they wouldn't accept that, but when you say you're out working for the benefit of society, they accept that.

CJN: *Are you optimistic about the future of the Jewish community in Canada?*

Nachman: Yes, I'm very optimistic. I think that in the Jewish community we have many strong leaders. We have very intelligent people. We have industrious people who are prepared to work. There are people who are very concerned about the issues of family. I think we're educating our children well. Our Jewish schools are strong. So I think we're in a strong position, but we've got to fight the elements that would like to see our destruction.

Carmit Rabina (second from left) is a recipient of a scholarship awarded by the Canadian Pulver Fund. She is a textile design student at the Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion in Israel. With her, from left, are college president Prof. David Samuel, department head Ayala Raz, and Dr. Amnon Shinar, director-general of the Israel Office, UIA of Canada.

Meeting with Parizeau fails to resolve discord

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
Instead of mending fences, a meeting between ethno-cultural leaders and Parti-Quebecois (PQ) leader Jacques Parizeau over his comments about minority group support for sovereignity seemed only to harden each side's position.

A sometimes indignant but otherwise relaxed Parizeau refused to retreat from his comments that Quebecers do not need the support of anglophones and allophones in order to achieve independence. Surrounded by high-ranking PQ officials like Bernard Landry, Michel Bourdon, and Louise Harel, Parizeau emerged from the 90-minute meeting looking none the worse for wear after deftly fending off the ethnic coalition.

Parizeau, in fact, seemed to catch the group a bit off guard when he said they themselves had "ethnicized" the debate by having called on their own constituents to vote en masse in favor of the Charlottetown Accord.

The PQ leader refered to a post-referendum analysis of the Quebec ethnic vote co-authored by Jack Jedwab, community relations director for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC—Q) and published in *Dialogue*.

"Is Mr. Jedwab 'ethnicising the vote,' is he categorizing Quebecers according to their ethnicity, according to their vote? Absolutely not, no more than I am," Parizeau said.

Why, the PQ leader asked, is it a "virtue" when ethnic leaders can urge their constitutents to vote a certain way and a "vice" when he did the same thing?

Parizeau also said he welcomed Quebecers of all backgrounds as full and equal citizens, and he repeated his defence that his comments merely stated an obvious reality.

For their part, ethnic group representatives like Max Bernard of the CJC—Q's community relations committee insisted that Parizeau's comments about "old stock" Quebecers achieving sovereignity on their own has divided Quebecers along ethnic lines.

"Any attempts to marginalize the members of our communities, or to polarize Quebecers, or to deny us our full participation in Quebec society, is extremely troubling to us," said Bernard.

"Whatever the cold mathematical analysis of the referendum vote might reveal," he said, "that is no justification for splitting the Quebec population on the basis of some people's perception of political correctness. When sovereignty-association was rejected in the previous referendum in 1980, that was not seen as a valid reason for politically marginalizing all those who voted against it.

"That would not have been acceptable to the Parti-Quebecois as it existed at that time, and there is no reason to do it now," said Bernard.

One high-ranking Jewish community official said privately that the ethnic groups were placed in a no-win situation the moment Parizeau demanded the meeting be held before the television cameras.

An open meeting, ethnic leaders feared, risked turning the forum into a "media circus," but the coalition of 10 organizations felt they had to agree to it lest Parizeau accuse them of refusing to take part in a meeting they themselves had demanded.

The ethnic coalition did seem to be at a slight disadvantage according to *The Gazette* columnist Don Macpherson. "The contest was held under Parizeau's rules...Since he and his PQ teammates were far more experienced at public political gamesmanship, it's not surprising that they scored a few more points."

Canadian scholarship fund aids students in Israel

JERUSALEM —
"I've learned to be creative and original — to search for a solution that's different from the routine," says Carmit Rabina, a textile design student at Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion in Ramat Gan, Israel. Now in her fourth year, Carmit is working on her final project, creating a knitwear collection. Already working as a free-lancer, she is bound to land a professional job in Israel's important fashion industry.

Carmit is one of 20 students at Shenkar College who this year were awarded a scholarship by the Morris M. Pulver Scholarship Fund. Since it began operations eight years ago, this Canadian Fund has helped some 5,000 students to pursue their higher education in Israel. To date, it has disbursed approximately $5 million (U.S.). It is a meaningful example of the positive impact which Canadian Jewry has in this country.

Morris M. Pulver was a Jewish businessman in Toronto who died in 1982. During his lifetime he had virtually no connection with the organized Jewish community. In his will, however, he bequeathed a substantial sum for the establishment of a fund with the express purpose of helping students at Israeli institutions of higher learning.

The fund is managed in Toronto by a board of trustees, with Ronald Appleby as chairman and Samuel Helfenbaum as administrator. Helfenbaum is endowment director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

In Israel, Dr. Yehezkel Cohen, a former Canadian living in Jerusalem who was associated with the Hebrew University for many years, is the coordinator. The Israeli part of the administrative work is carried out at the Jerusalem office of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

"We have two main criteria in awarding the scholarships," Cohen said in a recent interview. "One is financial need, the other scholastic achievement. No doubt the Pulver Fund made it possible for a great many students from disadvantaged areas throughout Israel to get a university education. They wouldn't have been able to do it otherwise. The letters of thanks which we receive reflect this."

In addition, several hundred students from Canada who qualified under the term of the scholarship award have also participated in the program over the years. In many instances, this experience was the genesis of their making Aliyah and pursuing a career in Israel.

The fund's guiding principle is to follow the national priorities set by Israel's Council of Higher Education, whose members are appointed by the government. Thus, there is emphasis today on helping regional colleges which have evolved in recent years in so-called peripheral areas, such as the Tel Hai Regional College near Kiryat Shmona in the Upper Galilee.

Another principle is to adopt the recommendations submitted by the universities in selecting scholarship recipients. The universities have the proper apparatus and procedures to review applications, Cohen points out. "Once we refer our main criteria to them, there is no point in duplicating their work. We do review a student information sheet which is submitted with every recommendation."

In Israel, undergraduate students (for the B.A. degree) receive $1,000 (U.S.), which covers about half the tuition cost. Graduate students receive $1,500, and doctoral students receive $3,000. In the specialized colleges (for example, Rubin Music Academy) and the regional college, the scholarship is $500. "We decided to spread it out," says Cohen, "to give less and reach a greater number."

Pulver recipients attend a variety of institutions — from the major universities such as Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Haifa Technion, Ben Gurion etc., to the academies (such as Bezalel), to Teachers' Colleges, and to the various regional colleges.

In addition, Pulver funds help students who come from Israel Project Renewal neighborhoods linked with the Jewish community of Toronto. In the past year, 21 students from Beit Dagan received scholarships, eight from Kfar Gvirol and 11 from eht Eliat-Eilot region.

In the 1991-92 academic year, 631 Pulver scholarships in the overall sum of $468,000 (U.S.) were granted to students in 38 Israeli institutions. In addition, the Pulver committee in Toronto awarded 60 scholarships to Canadians coming to study in Israel.

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Film conflict is resolved

LOS ANGELES (JTA) —
A potential conflict over the filming of *Schindler's List* by Steven Spielberg has been resolved amicably.

Spokespersons for Spielberg and for the World Jewish Congress, which had objected to the project, agreed that Spielberg would not employ numerous extras nor erect a replica gas chamber at the former death camp, which is now a memorial site.

It was the concern that such reported production plans would mar the dignity of the site that led WJC Vice President Kalman Sultanik to issue a protest two weeks ago.

Another point of contention was the charge that the International Auschwitz Museum Council, of which Sultanik is vice chairman, had earlier rejected Spielberg's request to film at the site.

Spielberg, known best for films such as *E.T.* and *Jaws*, then reportedly appealed directly to the Polish government and received permission to go ahead with his project.

In a series of phone conversations last week between Spielberg on the one hand and WJC President Edgar Bronfman and Sultanik on the other, the film director gave assurances that satisfied the WJC leaders.

Schindler's List, based on the best seller by Thomas Keneally, tells the story of the wily and heroic German businessman, Oskar Schindler, who saved thousands of Jews from certain death by sheltering them in his factories in wartime Poland.

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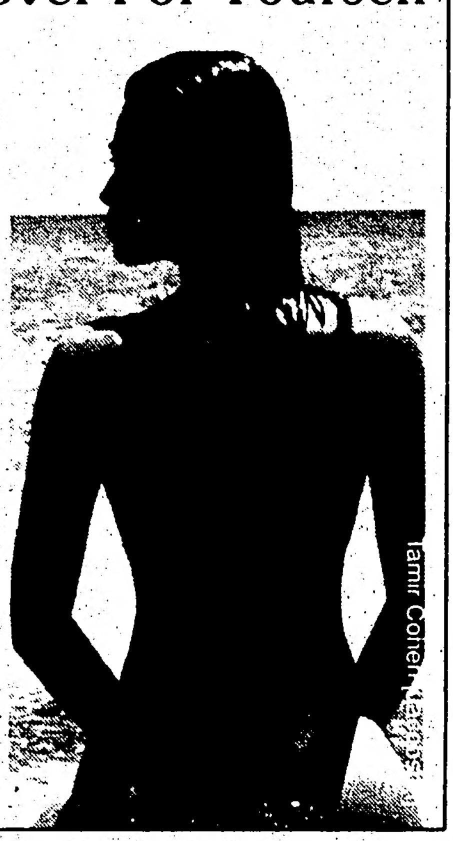

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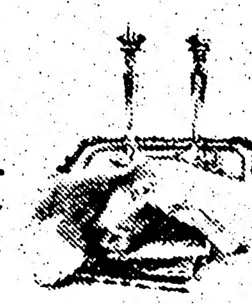

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Hamas included in terrorist report

WASHINGTON (JTA) –

The State Department has confirmed that it was, for the first time, including a section on the Hamas fundamentalist movement in its annual report on global terrorism.

The inclusion of Hamas in the report comes in the wake of the recent arrests in Israel of two Palestinian Americans accused of funneling money to Hamas activists, and follows weeks of controversy over Israel's deportation of over 400 Palestinians, many of whom had ties to Hamas.

"The group's violent activities increased dramatically during 1992," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said last week. Hamas' activities included "increasingly lethal tactics" such as roadside explosions and car bombs, he added.

Boucher said the inclusion of Hamas was not part of any deal with the Israelis regarding the deportation issue.

The United States was instrumental in crafting a compromise with Israel whereby 100 of the 400 deportees would be returned almost immediately, and the terms of deportation of the others were to be shortened.

Recent reports have suggested that the Hamas movement is now being directed by leaders in the United States and Britain.

In New York, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations called on the FBI and the Senate and House Intelligence Committees to launch a "wide-ranging probe" of the links between Hamas terrorists in the territories and their supporters in the United States.

The terrorism report, scheduled to be released in late April, is a barometer of U.S. attitudes toward various movements in the Middle East and elsewhere. It includes countries as well as organizations.

The two Palestinian Americans accused of helping to organize Hamas, both from Illinois, and a third man accused of lesser charges, have been visited by American consular officials in Israel, although Boucher said American diplomats had raised questions with the Israelis over delays in the visits.

Following the arrests, Israeli security forces have passed a considerable amount of information to American authorities, in the hope they would limit Hamas activities in the United States.

It is believed the three men will face trial in Israel, although there is a chance that the United States will ask that they be extradited.

Israel also maintains that the men established contact with the Islamic Movement in Israel proper, in addition to Islamic fundamentalists in the administered territories.

Leaders of the Islamic Movement in Israel denied those charges.

Sheik Abdullah Nimer Darwish, a leader of the movement, said that if contacts were actually made, they were without the approval of the group's leadership.

"We have declared many times in the past that anyone who violates the law in Israel does not represent the Islamic Movement," Darwish said.

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„צוריק צום תנ״ך" מיינט נישט צו זאָגן בלייבן שטעקן ביים תנ״ך.

יידישקייט איז נישט קיין שטייענדיק וואַסער, קיין זומפּ. „מים חיים" רופט מען זי, די תורה. אויפן הר סיני האָט מען געוויזן „כל מה שעתיד תלמיד ותיק לחדש" — אַלץ וואָס אַ יידישע נשמה וועט אויסשפּינען.

יידישקייט טאָר נישט גענומען ווערן סטאַטיש, נאָר דינאַמיש, אין דער אַנטוויקלונג, דאָס הייסט איבעראַל, אויף דער גאַנצער וועלט, און אין אַלע צייטן. קיין איינציקן עכט יידישן מאָמענט טאָר מען נישט אויסמעקן.

יידיש איז אונדזער איינציקער וועג צום מענטש, צום געטלעכן מענטש און צום מענטשלעכן גאָט, צום איבערמענטש — אויב איר ווילט אים אַזוי אָנרופן. דער אָדם עילאָא איז נישט ווינציקער יידיש באַקאַנט.

אין ערגעץ נישט פאַרשטיינערט, אין ערגעץ נישט פאַרגליווערט ווערן, אין ערגעץ נישט בלייבן שטיין.

קיין שום אומגליק: די ערגסטע גזירות, די מוראדיקסטע פּראָגראָמען, נויט, הונגער, שאַנד און שפּאָט. דאָס אַלץ איז נישט קיין באַרעכטיקונג פאַר רעאַקציע. מער כאַראַקטער מוזן מיר האָבן: שלאָג דעם שטיין — וועט ער געבן וואַסער; דריק פעסטער די איילבירט — גיט זי בוימל. אונדזער מזל איז שוין אַזוי: לעבן און שאַפן ביי די ערגסטע באַדינגונגען און נישט אַראָפּגיין פון וועג.

אַנדערע וועגן זיינען פאַר אַנדערע, נאָר נישט פאַר אונדז.

איז מען אויך אַ רגע אַראָפּ פון וועג, הויבט מען אָן צו בלאָנדזשען, מוז מען צוריקגיין צום זיכערסטן פונקט און אויפן זיכערסטן וועג. פאַר אונדז איז ער דער איינציק מעגלעכער וועג, אויף וועלכן מיר קענען גיין. מיר טאָרן אָבער נישט בלייבן שטיין.

איינעם גאַנג פון אונדזער געשיכטע מוזן מיר ווייטער שפּינען דעם פאָדעם: מיר טאָרן אים נישט איבעררייסן, נאָר ווייטער און ווייטער שפּינען און וועבן, אייביק אין די דורות, מיט אַ ליכטיקער נעץ די וועלט צו פאַרנעמען...

קיין פלעק אויף דער ערד, קיין מינוט אין דער צייט, קיין שום קרייז אין פאָלק האָט נישט קיין רעכט, קיין מאָנאָפּאָל אויף יידיש. נאָר אַלץ איבעראַל, אין דער באַוועגונג!

מען מוז נאָר אויגן האָבן כדי צו זען, אַז די בלינדע רעליגיעזע פּראַקטיק, די עם־האָרצישע באַציאונג צו מצוות און עבירות; דער דרך ארץ צום געדרוקטן וואָרט ביי די נידעריקע שיכטן פון פאָלק; די לינדיש באַשטראַלטע עבודה; דאָס באַוואוסטזיניקע קיום המצוות; דאָס אָפּהיטן זיך פון עבירות; דאָס רבנישע תורה־לערנען; די חסידישע רוחניות און די ריינע פילאָזאָפיש־מאָניסטישע וועלט־אַנשויאונג ביים ווירקלעך יידישן אינטעליגענט — דאָס אַלץ איז איין יידישקייט, אַ פיינערע אויסשטראַלונג פון דער יידישער נשמה.

אונדזער אויפגאַבע איז לכן, זוכן און געפינען דעם תוך, דעם עצם [illegible] פון יידישקייט, אין אַלע ערטער, אין אַלע צייטן, אין אַלע טיילן פונעם צעזייטן און פאַרשפּרייטן וועלט־פאָלק; געפינען די נשמה פון דעם אַלעם און זי [illegible] באַשטראַלט מיטן נביאישן חלום פון דער מענטשלעכער [illegible] דאָס איז די אויפגאַבע פונעם יידיש.

שאַפן [illegible] הנשמה און נאָר די יידיש נשמה [illegible] אונדזער רוח הקודש, די איינציקע [illegible] און שעפערישן כוח.

יידיש איז ווי אַן אויג אין קאָפּ, מיט וועלכן מיר זעט די וועלט — אונדזער פאַרגאַנגענהייט, קעגנוואַרט און צוקונפט. פאַר דער יידישער נשמה דאַרף מען קענען לעבן און שטאַרבן.

נישט אַוועקגיין פון דער וועלט, הגם פּראָווען אַ קליין ביסל התבודדות, אָפּגעבן אַ מינוט פאַר חשבון הנפש, כדי זיך געפינען אַליין, און זיך אַליין אויסטיילן פון פרעמדן און אָנגעזאָרפּענעם. דאָס הייסט צוריקגיין צום תנ״ך.

צוריקגיין צום זיכערסטן פונקט און פון דאָרטן צום מענטש — אויפן יידישן וועג.

Rabin under attack for deportation crisis

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is continuing to come under sharp criticism for his handling of the deportation crisis, and not only from the opposition parties.

Rabin was the target of a rare personal attack on the Knesset floor from a member of his own party.

Labor Knesset member Haggai Merom chided Rabin for not getting along with his ministers and implied that the premier was making decisions unilaterally, without seeking proper advice.

"No minister should be prevented from speaking his conscience," Merom said grimly. He charged there is "an atmosphere of fear" within the government.

Rabin, now under criticism domestically as well as internationally, retorted icily that any minister dissatisfied with the government could "find the door and walk out."

Merom, a prominent member of the Labor Party and a representative of the kibbutz movement, also called on Rabin to control damaging leaks in the news media about the political infighting in the cabinet.

"Shut the mouths of your top officials," Merom told Rabin bluntly.

Knesset veterans said they could not recall an attack this severe against the prime minister led by a fellow member of the ruling party.

Rabin, seated at the cabinet table, muttered angrily to Merom: "Vote no confidence in the government if you want!"

But many leading media commentators said that Merom was merely voicing publicly what ministers and other top Labor figures were feeling privately: that Rabin is running a one-man-show and treating his ministers with indifference bordering on contempt.

"He speaks for them all," wrote Orly Azulai, the well-informed political reporter of the mass-circulation daily *Yediot Achronot*.

The storm triggered by Merom's remarks intensified when the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Shimon Sheves, fired back a vituperative broadside at Merom.

"He's frustrated because he did not get a cabinet post or any other government job," Sheves told reporters.

Sheves admitted that it was "irregular" for an appointed official to publicly criticize an elected official. But he said he was doing so in this case, because Merom had spoken "unfounded lies."

Sheves followed up his public comments with an official letter to the Knesset speaker, Shevah Weiss, demanding that he "rein in" Merom.

Merom, for his part, confirmed that the butt of his criticism was indeed Sheves, whom he had not mentioned by name. "He interposes a wall between the prime minister and the other cabinet members," Merom wrote in the daily newspaper *Ma'ariv*.

In another interview, Merom said a "high official" in Rabin's office had actually told Justice Minister David Libai this week that the premier would not object if Libai were to resign.

Libai and Rabin had a heated exchange during a cabinet meeting earlier last week when Rabin tried to silence the minister during a debate on the deportations issue.

Libai was the only minister not to support Rabin during the original December vote to order the temporary expulsion of 415 Muslim fundamentalists to Lebanon.

Some political observers are interpreting this vehement clash as a reflection of an ongoing rivalry between Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that dates back years. Merom, they say, belongs to the Peres camp.

Others commentators simply explained the incident as reflecting a loss of control that has pervaded the government, most obviously since the deportation decision in mid-December.

Marital scandal upsets rabbinical elections

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Elections for Israel's chief Ashkenazic rabbi, held once every 10 years, have been thrown into disarray by articles in the press linking the leading candidate to women other than his wife.

A petition demanding that the elections be postponed pending full examination of the accusations has been forwarded to the state attorney general by a Jerusalem resident who some claim is acting in collusion with rival candidates for the post.

At the centre of the storm is Tel Aviv's chief rabbi, Yisrael Lau, who was expected to be elected the top Ashkenazic rabbi in the country. But damaging charges about the rabbi's personal life, first printed in the Tel Aviv weekly *Ha'ir*, have started to erode his support.

Two important rabbinical figures have expressed their reservations about Lau's qualifications for the position. The current occupant in of the post, Rabbi Avraham Shapira, said the election should be postponed until the issue is fully investigated.

Rabbi Shlomo Goren, a former chief rabbi of Israel, says Lau in effect disqualifies himself if he doesn't sue the newspaper for libel.

The whole scandal is also mixed up in the politics for electing the new chief rabbi. Reports said that Leon Katsch, the Jerusalem man who petitioned the attorney general, was acting in consort with one of two other rival candidates for the post: Haifa's chief rabbi, Haifa Shear Yashuv Cohen, and Rabbi Simcha Kook of Rehovot.

Katsch, who claimed to be acting independently out of concern for the dignity of the office, said through his lawyer that he would also appeal to Israel's High Court of Justice if his petition to the attorney general fails.

Goren also remarked to the media that the other candidates, Cohen and Kook, were unsuitable for the post because they were insufficiently learned in Talmud and Jewish law, or halacha.

The scandal has renewed calls within Israel's Masorti movement — Israel's Conservative movement — to dissolve entirely the institution of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel "in view of the present wave of ugly accusations."

Rabbi Philip Spectre, executive director of the Masorti movement, called upon the Knesset to debate the issue of whether to dissolve the rabbinate.

"There is no foundation whatsoever in the Jewish tradition for a chief rabbinate," said a statement issued by the Masorti movement.

In addition to the scandal surrounding Lau, some controversy exists concerning the elections for the chief Sephardic rabbi of Israel.

Prominent Labor Knesset member Avraham Burg has called on his party to reconsider its support for the candidate supported by the Orthodox Sephardic Shas party, Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron of Haifa.

Burg was offended by an article Bakshi-Doron wrote that was seen as attacking Israel's kibbutzim.

The offending article appeared shortly after a widely publicized attack in 1990 by Orthodox sage Rabbi Eliezer Schach on the lack of Jewishness in kibbutz life.

Bakshi-Doron claimed that his article was actually meant to smooth the tension between Orthodox and secular Israelis following Schach's criticism.

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Party time at Jerusalem's Institute for youth leaders from abroad. [WZPS photo]

Institute stresses Jewish identity

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

Absorbing ideas is one thing. Being able to communicate them effectively is something else entirely. At the Jerusalem-based Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad, program participants gain the knowledge and the tools both to counter anti-Semitic propaganda on campuses worldwide and to imbue the youth they lead with a strong sense of their Jewish identity.

Established in 1946 with the aim of developing Jewish and Zionist youth leadership, the "Machon" (Institute), as it is more generally known, is part of the Youth and Hechalutz Department of the World Zionist Organization. Program participants, all recent high-school graduates and veteran youth leaders, participate in seminars, mount exhibitions, prepare video presentations, visit Yeshivas and development towns, and tour settlements, excavations and industrial sites throughout Israel.

Located in Kiryat Moriah in Jerusalem, just a couple of minutes from the Haas Promenade, with its panoramic view of the city, the Machon attracts youth leaders from North and South America, Europe and Great Britain, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Participants are a highly select and motivated group, representing Zionist youth movements and Jewish organizations such as Dror-Habonim, Betar, Hashomer Hatzair, Hanoar Hazioni and Maccabi who must commit themselves to at least two years of movement work after their year at Machon. "Most contribute much more," points out institute director Chaim Feder.

The first five months of the program (beginning in September for northern hemisphere participants and in February for southern hemisphere ones) consists of an intense 40-hour week study program at the Machon. This is followed by five months on a kibbutz, moshav or in a development town, often affiliated with the participant's sponsoring organization.

Seminars each lasting about two weeks, cover topics ranging from Jewish history and the history of Zionism, to the Holocaust and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Also integral to the program is a course in leadership skills, where the dynamics of successful program planning are examined and programs organized using arts and crafts, games and dramatic presentations. "We're given new ways of communicating educational materials that are different and more stimulating than what's normally found in Hebrew school," says participant Rachelle Tucker of Toronto.

One of the most important aspects of the leadership course, is learning how to address an audience, adds Mark Freedman, a Habonim-Dror member from Great Britain. "You gain the confidence to make yourself heard."

Leadership skills are emphasized in all the courses. For example, the Holocaust seminar, says Feder, stresses the importance of "acquiring facts, becoming familiar with Holocaust literature and learning to evaluate the emotional impact of the material, as well as the elements that go into organizing a successful Holocaust presentation."

Only a small percentage of last semester's participants came from the United States. "The Zionist Youth movement in North America has been in a steady decline," explains Feder. In South America, community centres have been gaining in popularity, but are not Jewish or Zionist-oriented.

Although the emphasis at the Machon is less on Zionist ideology and more on developing a strongly articulated Jewish identity, 70 percent of Machon graduates have returned to Israel on aliya. "If a Machon graduate isn't going to move here, who is?" asks Feder.

Says "machon-nik" Rachelle Tucker, eager to return to Toronto and put into practice all she has learned. "You have to instill in youth a love and a desire to visit the Jewish State before broaching the question of aliya."

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

TABAC — HAIMOVITCH

Steven Tabac, of Montreal, enquires about the meaning of his surname and that of his mother.

He was informed at the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv that Tabac was involved with cooking. That conclusion is based on the Hebrew word "tabach," which refers to a cook or butcher.

The more probable explanation is that it derives from the word Tabak, which is the German and Yiddish word for tobacco and is descriptive of a dealer in tobacco or snuff. It belongs to the category of trade names that identifies the product, like Wasser (water) and Zuker (sugar).

Haimovitch is the Hebrew name Chaim (life) with trimmings. It is akin to the Latin "Vita" and its Jewish derivative Witkin.

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FREUD — LUSTIG

The Hebrew given name Simcha meant joyful. When Jews were compelled to abandon Jewish names, a person named Simcha might adopt the name Freud (German for joy) or Lustig (German for joyful).

The News in Brief

CJC sends relief supplies

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has sent pharmaceuticals and winter clothing to assist refugees from the former Yugoslavian republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

CJC Ontario region chair Gerda Frieberg commended David Satok, chair of the regional Community Relations Committee, for spearheading the intiative. The shipment was sent to Vienna and then redirected to Zagreb for distribution to refugees on a non-sectarian basis. This is a joint project of the CJC National and CJC Ontario Region offices, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the American Joint Distribution Committee.

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Farber given CJC post

TORONTO — Bernie M. Farber of Toronto has been appointed national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

CJC national executive director and general counsel Jack Silverstone stated that Farber brings to the job a wealth of experience on the national, provincial and Metro Toronto scene from his involvement in anti-racism and discrimination concerns, inter-ethnic liaison and research on worldwide anti-Semitism. In addition to his national role, Farber will also maintain responsibilities dealing with the Ontario region community relations office.

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Hotline for activists

NEW YORK — Citing the need for a speedy response by Jews to an increasing range of local, national and international issues, Coalition for Jewish Concerns — Amcha leaders Rabbi Avi Weiss, national president and Judy Balint, national director, announced the establishment of a nation-wide, toll free Jewish action hotline. 1-800-892-9244 is the number to dial.

In recent weeks, the hotline has carried messages about developments in Crown Heights; the expulsion of 417 Hamas terrorists from Israel and former President George Bush's pardon of Caspar Weinberger while neglecting to commute the sentence of Johnathan Pollard. In each case, the hotline delivers information on the issues as well as suggested action steps and up-to-the-minute details of rallies, vigils ore demonstrations.

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Pollard a priority

JERUSALEM — Members of U.S. President Bill Clinton's New York campaign staff promised that one of his first priorities would be to review the Jonathan Pollard file and determine whether or not he is eligible for communication of sentence, according to Jonathan's former wife, Anne Pollard.

Pollard, a former U.S. naval intelligence officer, is serving a life sentence for spying for Israel.

"In view of Clinton's pro-Israel stance — unlike that of George Bush which was pro-Arab — my most fervent prayer is that President Clinton now will keep his promise and review Jonathan's case as soon as the international and domestic scenes make this feasible," Anne Pollard said.

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New facility for scientists

JERUSALEM — A facility providing work space and secretarial services for immigrant scientists has been opened in Jerusalem, with the enthusiastic blessing of leading former Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky and former Minister of Science Yuval Ne'eman.

According to the initiators of the project, the facility, although not offering salaries to out-of-work immigrant scientists, will help them to pursue their studies and research in their fields of expertise.

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Cable TV a winner

JERUSALEM — Over a third of Israeli households — some 500,000 — have subscribed to cable television; considered to be among the highest proportion of cable market penetrations in the world.

Most of the country's cable subscribers are well educated and earn incomes in the middle income range and above, according to Dr. Hillel Nusak, who presented preliminary findings from a study on the spread of cable TV in Israel. This is in contrast with cable subscribers abroad, he said, most of whom are low-income, blue collar workers, and is second only to the United States.

Nusak said the immense success of cable TV here is related to a "return to cultural roots," namely the many programs available in a variety of foreign languages representing the countries of origins of a predominantly immigrant population. This has caused "an awakening" among new immigrants, he said.

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Levy going to jail

JERUSALEM — Former Knesset Member Yair Levy of the Orthodox party Shas, has been sentenced to five years in jail for stealing money from a party fund meant to finance educational projects.

Levy was convicted of stealing approximately $115,500 U.S. from the Shas party's El Hamayan fund.

In addition to the jail sentence imposed by the Tel Aviv District Court, Levy faces a 275,000 shekel $102,000 fine and a two-year suspended jail sentence.

Levy's wife, Geula, was sentenced to six months in jail for forgoing signatures on checks in the bank where she worked. She also received an 18-month suspended jail sentence.

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Exchanging secrets

TEL AVIV — Israel and the United States are negotiating an agreement to exchange information protected by secret patents, in an effort to limit accusations that Israel has stolen American military technology, according to the daily *Ha'aretz*.

The proposed agreement would be similar to agreements between the United States and its NATO allies and would enable the two sides to exchange information on inventions whose release as public patents has been prevented for security reasons.

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War criminal found

AMSTERDAM — A former Dutch war criminal who managed to escape from prison in 1952 and flee to Germany has been recently located in the German city of Hagen.

Herbert Bikker, 77, was tracked down by Dutch Nazi-hunter Jacques Kooistra.

Bikker, who escaped from prison during Christmas 1952 with six other inmates, worked as a camp guard at the notorious German concentration camp Erica in eastern Holland during the Nazi occupation.

Bikker was accused of killing two members of the Dutch resistance and of cruel treatment of prisoners. After the war, Bikker was sentenced to death, but his sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment.

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Anti-Semitic violence

SYDNEY — The number of anti-Semitic incidents of violence, serious vandalism and harassment in Australia rose 15 percent last year, although the number of less serious anti-Semite incidents fell to the lowest in three years.

The report, issued by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, pointed out that there were over 10 incidents a month.

Isi Leibler, the president of the council, said that "the levels of violence and damage caused" in 1992 did not match "the horrific heights of the arson attacks on synagogues" during 1991.

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Skinheads stab girl

BUDAPEST — A Jewish girl who was stabbed and injured by neo-Nazi skinheads has become the subject of national attention after Hungarian Interior Minister Peter Boross made a special point of promising punishment for the offenders.

Boross said it was unacceptable for skinheads wearing swastikas to be attacking people on the streets of Budapest. Speaking in Parliament, Boross said that "this Nazi symbol has already cost hundreds of thousands of lives to the Hungarian nation."

The 17-year-old victim of the stabbing, who did not want her name released, said she was attacked in front of her home by two youths last week who shouted at her "damned Jew."

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Neo-Nazi tapes seized

BONN — German police have confiscated thousands of neo-Nazi records and tapes in more than 10 major localities as part of a nationwide crackdown on right-wing music.

Police raided the homes and offices of musicians and producers in the right-wing rock music industry, which has popularized songs calling for the expulsion of foreigners from Germany and praised the country's Nazi past.

The music is seen by some as contributing to a wave of anti-foreigner violence, racism, and anti-Semitism in Germany.

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11:45 a.m., Luncheon *Being A Public Jew Dr. Elaine M. Todres* Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications

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By RABBI LOUIS SCHECHTER

This shabbat we read the Ten Commandments.

Much has been said and written over the years about the importance of following a basic set of rules or principles which would give us a semblance of morality. Mankind has not even been able or willing to observe the Ten Commandments, let alone a more elaborate code of ethics and morals.

Also recently, we read about the Exodus, and specifically about another "ten," the ten plagues that were visited upon Egypt!

I would like to offer ten modern plagues that are perhaps the cause of many not observing the other "ten," the commandments —

"TEN MODERN PLAGUES"

1. An ignorance on the part of many of our people, young and old, of Jewish mitzvot, values and ethical principles.

2. A neglect of much of the ceremonial and ritual aspects of Judaism, which have ever been a source of inspiration and joy, particularly in the Jewish home.

3. A reluctance and even fear by Jews to express themselves through the medium of Jewish culture and religion for fear of being considered narrow and clannish.

4. An unwillingness of some of our people to take their stand courageously on issues important to the welfare of their fellow Jews for fear of being thought unpatriotic.

5. A failure to appreciate more fully the spiritual and cultural value to us and to the world of the reborn Zion, and the failure to fully support that land in its hour of need.

6. A lack of understanding that the lot of the Jews is inevitably tied up with the welfare of all other groups.

7. The fact that we sometimes forget that we shall not be able to build the one world for all, until we first succeed in building the one world for ourselves.

8. The fact that though the world has doubled and trebled its potential for abundance, there are still millions that go hungry.

9. The fact that we have mastered the art of war much more skillfully than the art of peace.

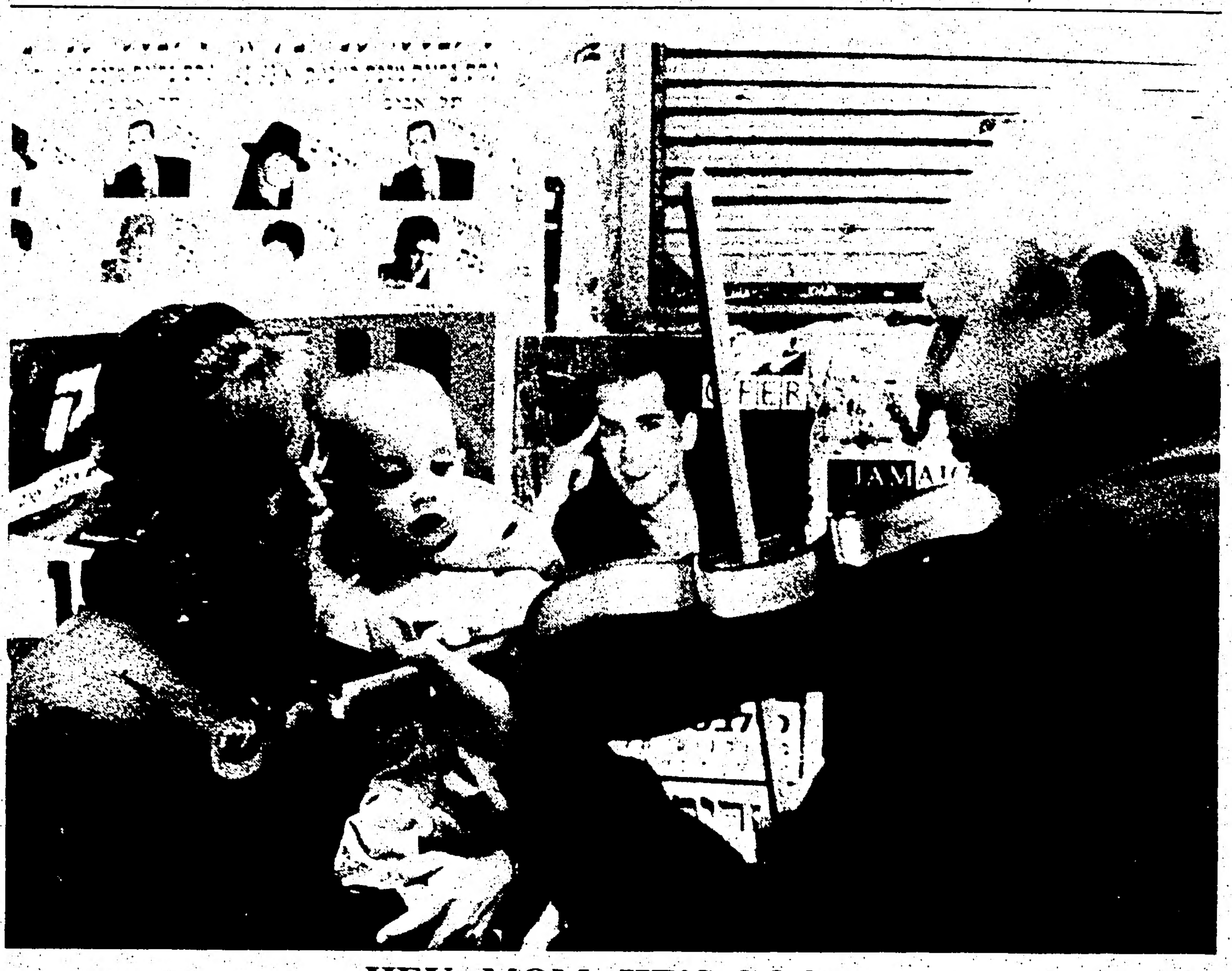
10. The fact that people are more interested in learning how to earn a living than, in learning how to live and for what!

It is my hope that as we get closer to spring, to new life, and new hope, we, and all people, will begin the process of peace, of living an ethical and moral life, so that the terrible tragedies that are taking place in Somalia and between the Serbs and the Croats, the renewal of anti-Semitism in the world, and of course in our beloved Israel will cease to exist.

Let us truly be able to say — "K'shenichnas Adar marbim b'simcha," when Adar comes, our joy increases."

May we be worthy to see it happen this Adar.

(Rabbi Shechter is the spiritual leader of Lodzer Centre Congregation.)



HEY, MOM. HE'S GOOD

Perhaps one of the biggest changes seen in Israeli cities since the start of the Russian aliyah has been the proliferation of street musicians. Many of the musicians have unusually high musical talent, but unfortunately there are far too many of them to have jobs playing in an orchestra. Here, a mother and son listen to a street violin recital in Tel-Aviv. [IPPA photo]

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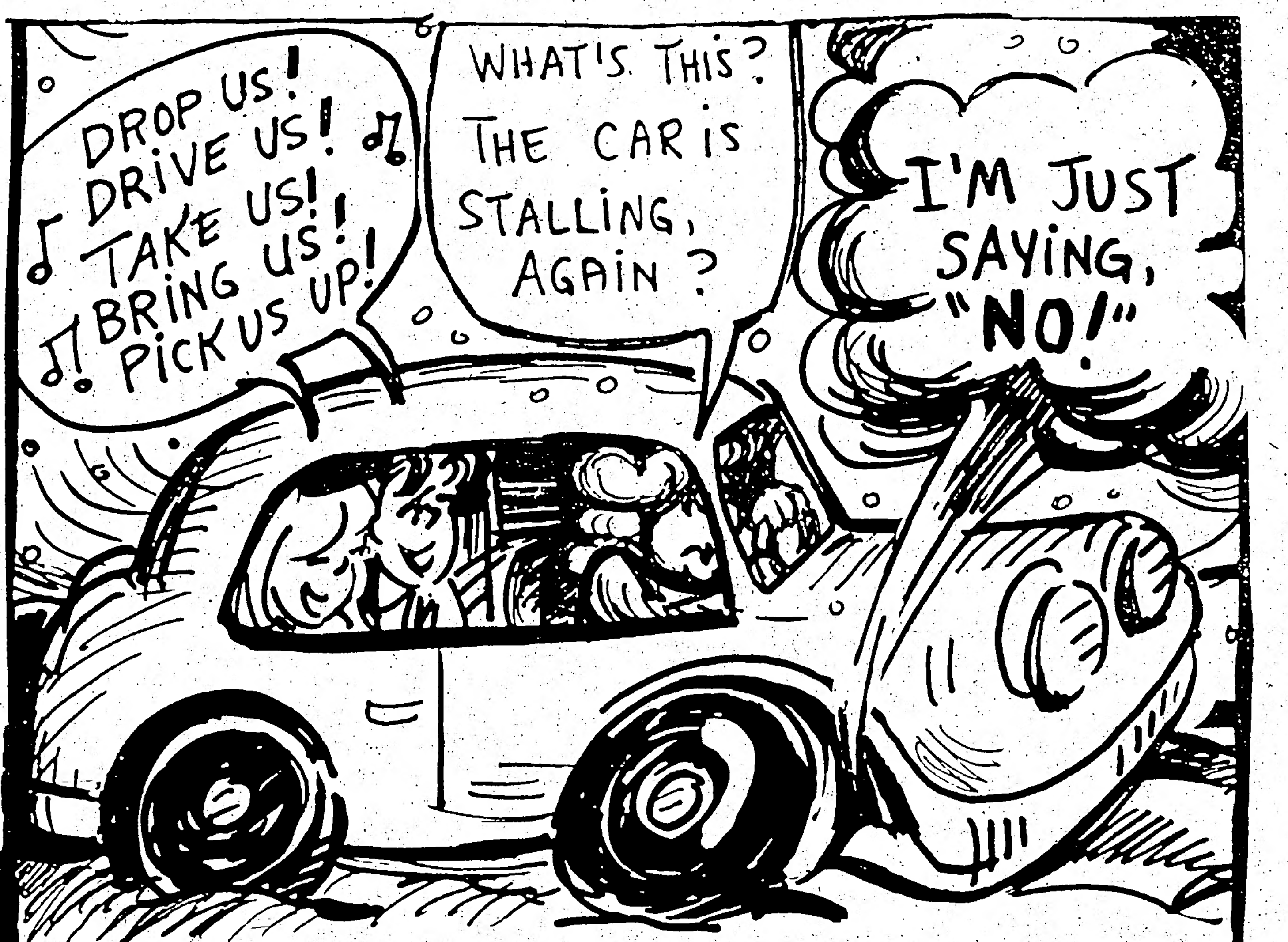
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Hamas expulsion does little to solve real problem

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The Israeli Supreme Court's opinion regarding the legality of the deportation of the Hamas activists was an elegant piece of judicial acrobatics, but did little to solve the problem itself.

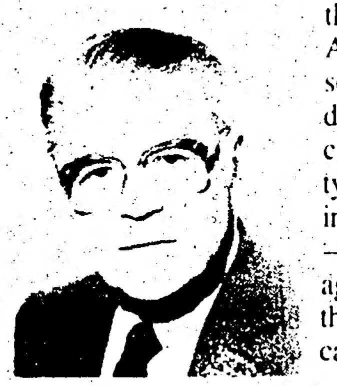
The court declared the decision to deport the 400 collectively to have been illegal, but at the same time upheld the government's right to have deported them individually. As the deportees had been given no opportunity to appeal their cases before being exiled, the court gave them the right to do so and ordered the government to provide all the necessary facilities. The government expressed satisfaction with the court's decision and proceded to prepare the logistics for the hearings.

But Hamas spokesmen rejected the offer and opted to continue their rewarding televised 'martyrdom.' The Israeli response to this was a decision to unilaterally revise each deportee's file.

So much for the legal side of the issue which proved to be of no practical significance for the resolution of an untenable situation over which Israel had no control. So the unresolved issue returned to diplomacy, forcing the newly installed administration in Washington to handle the hot potato as a matter of priority. The Americans told the Israelis that they may not veto a second anti-Israeli resolution in the Security Council unless sanctions were to be seriously contemplated.

But the United States let the Israelis also know, that in the extreme case of an American veto as the only means to foil sanctions, the administration will have to compensate the Arabs. This would have created a no win situation for Washington and Jerusalem and would have negatively affected their new relationship at its very start. This argument was strong enough to persuade Rabin to change course.

The various components of the tricky situation before Rabin were all listed in the last column published the day of the court's pronouncement. Now that the court has practically refused to show the government a viable way out of the impasse, it had left Rabin's government in a most awkward quandary.



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Furthermore, after a few weeks of relative quiet, Islamic terrorism struck again. What kind of retaliation should be practiced now, after the last massive one had created more problems than it had hoped to solve? And how to handle the mood of the Palestinians in the territories — and even in Israel itself — who all rallied in support of the deportees, threatening to undermine the already fragile support for the peace process in the Arab camp?

On the other hand, could Rabin who, whether right or wrong, had earned massive support in Israel for the spectacular act of deportation, risk to suddenly repatriate the exiled at once? Surely, he could not do this. In this blocked reality, the solution worked out under U.S. pressure promised better chances to succeed. But even this still remains to be seen. There is a lot of discontent in the Arab world as well as in Israel.

As to the atmosphere in the United Nations regarding the issue of the Hamas deportees — and the behavior of the impatient Secretary General, criticism is highly justified. After all, the images of the stranded Islamic fanatics in the Lebanese hills, were by far less heartbreaking than the escalating bloodshed in Bosnia for which the United Nations and the international community have so far discovered no remedy.

It was also incomparably less frustrating to unbiased TV viewers all over than the famine and the gang war in Somalia, where the Americans, symbolically assisted by some others, are dangerously bogged down and accomplish so little. Nor could the mobilization of the Security Council against the Iraqi despot be invoked to demand — as the Arabs did — an equally uncompormising stand against Israel's non-implementation of the Council's resolution 799, which called for the return of the deportees.

All this was utterly absurd. But regardless of rights and wrongs, Israel had painted herself into a corner from which she had to find a way out, in her own interest if she wanted to restore her weakened international standing and, above all, to save the peace process from accidental death. Understandably, a lot of soul-searching was going on in Jerusalem, incomparably more than seven weeks ago, when the deportation order was issued and carried out without too much strategic foresight. Creative thinking was very badly needed, but not much of it was around. It finally emerged, prompted by American initiative and hard work. So far so good, if it works.

By the time this column will be printed we shall know how smoothly or not the American-inspired solution will work. The deal Israel concluded with the Americans can probably count on the tacit co-operation of some Arab partners to the peace process. Otherwise it would not have materialized. Public opinion in Israel too was beginning to understand that the initial measures had misfired and damaged Israel. The reconvening of an invigorated peace process, if this will happen, will help to compensate for the loss of face. The solution could also reverse Hamas' improved standing among the frustrated Palestinians in the territories and after all, Hamas could still become the only real loser. Its infrastructure has in any case been seriously crippled.

The deal worked out with Israel became the first foreign policy operation of the new Clinton administration. It may have told us something about the stamina and fibre of the new American diplomacy just when President Clinton's overall start was regarded to have been somewhat bumpy. His internal agenda is crying out for solutions and the world around him is full of festering conflicts. And there are no selfless allies around to be of any serious help. For now, they offer only advice and criticism. The president will need all the skill and luck he can muster to cope with the endless list of challenges everywhere, at home and abroad.

It so happens, that wherever he looks out from his American window, he can see only areas of conflicts for which there are not even hints for solutions, except one: The Middle East. Here a fragile pattern for progress, the peace process, has been blueprinted for him by his predecessor. He may just grab it as the one issue which promises some results. If the peace process will indeed start again, the whole episode will be regarded as a classical example of a bizzare miscalculation, ironically transformed into a promising opportunity.

'Israel experience' key goal of CRB Foundation

By CHARLES R. BRONFMAN

Two main findings underlie the decision of the CRB Foundation to join with four major Jewish groups in sponsoring what we hope will become a new rite of passage for Jewish young people in the United States and Canada — the opportunity to participate in an "Israel experience" while in their teenage years.

These conclusions, based on experience and research, are:

1. Walking the land of Israel, meeting its people and experiencing the culture of Israel leaves a deep and enduring impression that can change the lives of North American Jewish youth. In effect, Israel has become the cognitive and emotional resource centre of the Jewish people. It effectively serves as our informal classroom.

2. The Israel experience affects all children who take part in it — secular, observant, Zionist or unaffiliated. If you are Jewish and between the ages of 13 and 19, your first visit to Israel makes you a different person, heightening your Jewish awareness and strengthening your Jewish identity.

These principles were established on the basis of five years of study by the CRB Foundation into all aspects of youth trips to Israel.

We found that informal education frameworks, such as travel and meeting other young people, often provide as profound a learning experience as that which is obtained in schools and classrooms — and that a well-planned and well-implemented Israel trip can have a powerful impact on young people, often changing their lives.

As a result of this research, the CRB Foundation has committed itself to a major program aimed at improving the quality of existing trips and encouraging more young adults to enjoy Israel.

Our partners in this venture are the United Jewish Appeal, Council of Jewish Federations, Jewish Community Centres Association and Jewish Educational Service of North America.

Over the years, a dedicated cadre of people — some Israeli, some North American — have worked hard to convince our young people to take advantage of the Israel experience trip.

Yet the number of young people visiting Israel today is only about 8,000 per year. Our goal is to increase that figure to 50,000 annually.

To carry out this bold plan, the sponsors will be asking the Jewish communities of North America to join us in this enterprise.

There are many challenges before us. It will be necessary to develop curricula, to set professional standards and guidelines and to develop skilled and effective counsellors, tour guides, educators and other specialists.

These staff people, who will have the strongest influence on our youth-trip participants, must be committed to Israel, sensitive to North American youth and able to correlate the Israel experience to broader Jewish issues.

We will also need to disseminate information on existing high-quality Israel trips and to encourage direct interchange between youth from Israel and North America.

I believe we can do it.

For me, this is a time of great optimism. Our generation has been entrusted with something that for 2,000 years seemed impossible — the creation both in Israel and throughout the Diaspora of a united Jewish society, one that can realize many of the dreams and ambitions of our people over the ages.

Together we can achieve this goal. When we do, we will have created powerful human links that bind our people — a people living in freedom, both in the land of Israel and the Diaspora, whose souls are forever in Jerusalem.

I can think of no more exciting vision and no more important mission.

(Charles R. Bronfman is chairman of the Montreal-based CRB Foundation.)

A Bible and Jewish history quiz to end them all

By ALLAN GOULD

Remember waking up in a cold sweat as a child, knowing that you had a quiz that day and that you didn't study a darned thing?

Well here is a surprise quiz, so you couldn't possibly have woken up in a cold sweat today.

Don't worry, dear fellow Jews. The answers will follow, right at the end of the column. I just hope you've remembered most of the important facts from your Hebrew school days, and forgotten little — including not forgetting Amalek, which is a very important mitzvah, as I'm sure you're aware.

Okay, class, pencils and paper out? *Pens* and paper out? Boy, you really *are* confident. You may begin.

1. Who was the first married couple in the Bible?

2. Who was the first man mentioned in the Bible?

3. Where is baseball mentioned in the Bible — and (a big hint here), it's very, very early in the Bible, too.

4. Where is the first female baseball manager mentioned in the Bible?

5. Who watched over Noah and his family during the Flood?

6. Why did it rain so very long during Noah's trip?

7. We all know *where* Lot took his wife: but *HOW* did he take her?

8. What were the first singles bars described in the Bible?

9. Where is the future city of Ottawa mentioned in the Bible?

10. Why did ancient Hebrews at the time of the Bible have such difficulty sleeping?

11. Why was Boaz (from the Book of Ruth) considered a good economist and an honest man?

12. How many synagogues were there in ancient Sfat?

13. What are the words of the first great Jewish rock song in history?

14. Why is no Jew *ever* lost to his or her community?

15. How was the great American inventor Thomas Alva Edison like an Israeli politician?

16. What is the most famous sports score mentioned in the Bible?

Allan Gould

ANSWERS TO YOUR SURPRISE JUDAISM QUIZ

1. The first married couple in the Bible was obviously Gene and Sis. (GeneSis, get it??)

2. Bet you guessed Adam. Not a chance. Even earlier, we read of "Chap One."

3. The first mention of baseball is clearly "In the Big Inning, G-d created the Heavens and the Earth." And quite an inning it must have been, too. (You really had to be there.)

4. A female baseball manager? Obviously, "Rachel went to the well for a pitcher."

5. Who watched over Noah and his family? An Ark Angel, naturally.

6. Why did it rain so long? Your **geshem** is as good as **mayim.**

7. Lot obviously took his wife with a grain of salt.

8. The first singles bars in history were obviously wells. Both Yaacov and Moshe met their wives there. (Mazel tov!)

9. Ottawa in the Bible? The Tower of Babel, naturally.

10. *Everyone* had trouble sleeping back then, because the pillars were so hard.

11. Boaz was considered honest because he refused to cut any corners.

12. How many synagogues in ancient Sfat? Why, Two B'Sfat.

13. The words of the first Jewish rock song in history were obviously:

"Who put the Ram in the Ram-bam-bam-bam-bam?
Who put the Gam in the Gam-gam-gam-liel?
Who put the Toe in the To-To-Torah?
Who put the Gem in the Gem-gem-orah?
Who was that G-d? I'd like to shake His Yad!
He made His People fall in love with Him!!"

14. No Jew is ever totally lost to his/her community, since the local UJA will always track them down, one way or another.

15. How was Edison like an Israeli politician? One worked on the incandescent: the other works (Works? Ha!) in the Knesset.

16. The most famous sports score in the Bible was Chronicles-II, Kings I. What a game!!

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France makes amends...

President Francois Mitterrand of France touched off a furor last year when, ignoring the plea of a group of prominent intellectuals, he declared that the French nation could not apologize for crimes committed in the name of France by the pro-Nazi Vichy regime. Then, in a second egregious lapse of judgment, Mitterrand inexplicably laid a wreath on the grave of Vichy's guiding spirit-cum war criminal, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain.

Observers, particularly in the Jewish community, were surprised and more than a little disappointed by Mitterrand's obduracy and insensitivity. Mitterrand, after all, was an important member of the French resistance, and he had always been regarded as a friend by the Jewish community and Israel.

Last week, to everyone's relief, Mitterrand made amends for his unfortunate lapses by announcing a presidential decree that will inaugurate an annual national day of remembrance in commemmoration of the 76,000 French Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

The decree calls for holding nation-wide ceremonies every year on July 16, the anniversary of the first mass arrests of French Jews *by French policemen.* Furthermore, monuments will be erected at the Vel d'Hiv, a cycling stadium where the first batch of Jewish detainees in Paris were taken before their one-way rail trip to the Auschwitz concentration camp. As well, commemorative plaques will be affixed throughout the country. There will be a plaque in the town of Izieu, near Lyon, from where about 40 Jewish children were deported to their deaths by the notorious Butcher of Lyon, Klaus Barbie.

Mitterand's decree, however belated, is significant because of its historic and moral implications.

France, finally, is officially coming to terms with the shameful Vichy era. For too long now, France exonerated itself of this ugly chapter in its history, conveniently blaming the Nazis for the shortcomings and bloody-mindedness of some of its citizenry during this critical period. With Mitterrand's decree, France is addressing its past, courageously and unflinchingly, as it should have done years ago. And at a time of rising racism in France and elsewhere in Europe, this decree can also be viewed as something of a watershed because of the strong and unmistakable message it sends to malicious and malevolent Holocaust deniers.

...and looks ahead

Although its name, in true French style, sounds somewhat pompous to English ears, the newly opened Academy for Universal Culture had its inaugural session last week at Paris's prestige museum, the Louvre.

On the dais with French President Francois Mitterrand at the inauguration ceremonies were Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, the Italian writer Umberto Ecco and a host of other political and cultural dignitaries who had come together to honor an academy which will have as a mandate the promotion of international culture.

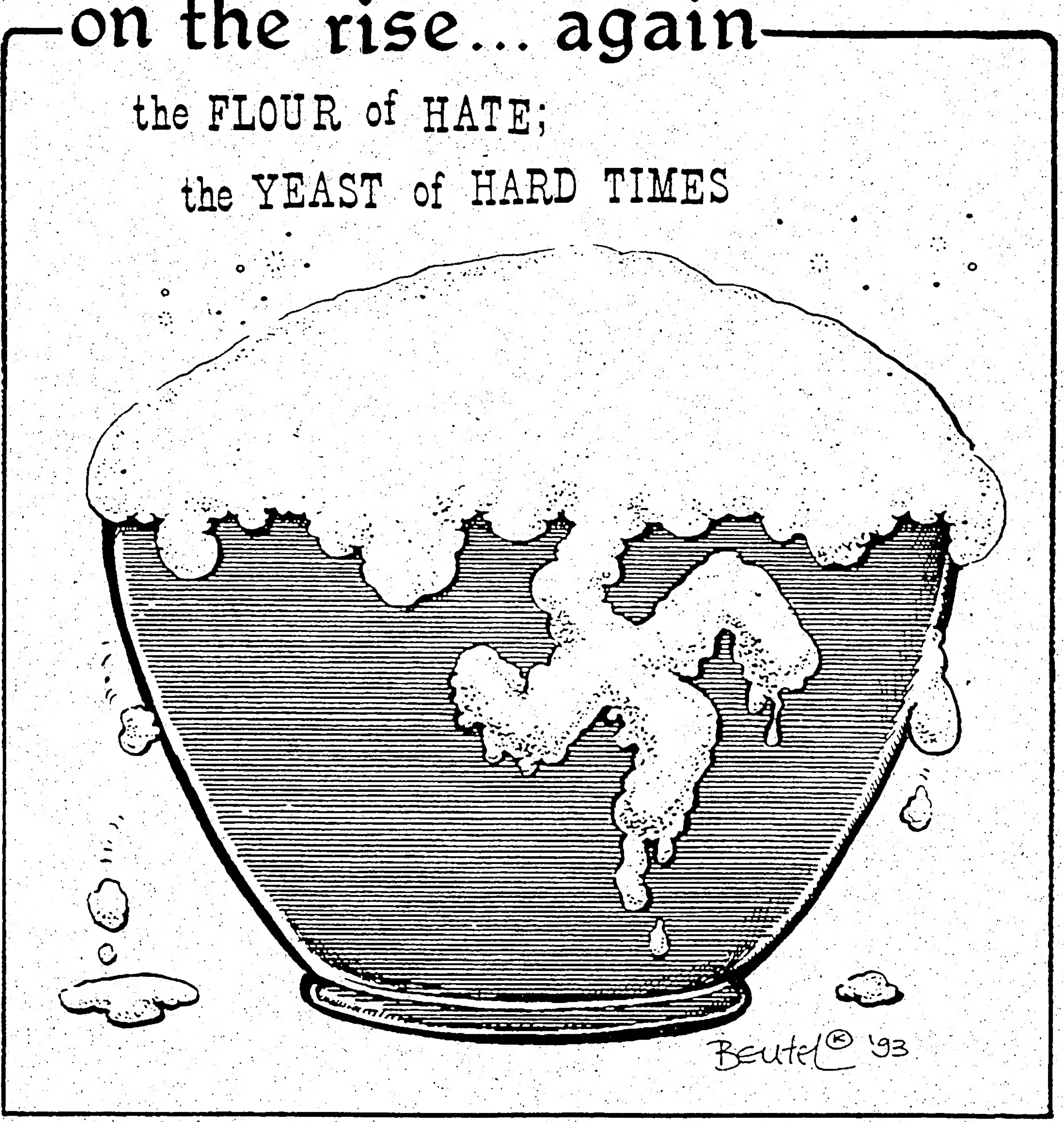
Interviewed on CBC radio, Yehudi Menuhin, one of the guests of honor at the ceremonies, said that the age of nationalism having come to a close, it was now necessary to concentrate on universal values and that the pursuit of art and culture were the best pathways to international understanding.

The idea of the Academy for Universal Culture came, in part, as a result of discussions that Wiesel has been having over the years with Mitterrand and is the outgrowth of the conference on hatred and racism which the two organized and participated in several years ago.

A survey of the international scene at the moment suggests, not as Menuhin would have it, that the age of nationalism is over, but that it is very much alive. Cruel happenings in the former Yugoslavia, the former Soviet Union and the Sudan indicate that emphasis on exclusive national claims can bring untold suffering for minority groups.

Menuhin was, of course, pointing to an aspiration rather than a fact. That aspiration is behind the founding philosophy of France's Academy for Universal Culture. By promoting international art and culture, the academy hopes to leap over the wall of hatred that divides so much of the world today.

The high aims of the new cultural body may be unreasonable at the moment but Jewish tradition teaches that we are not free to desist from the obligation of supporting such an outstanding and progressive idea.



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SWITCHED TO REFORM

As a member of the Reform Party, I was appalled at the treatment and comments made about Preston Manning when he recently spoke to leaders of our Jewish community, which was widely publicized by television and the press. The reaction of several senior members of important organizations at this meeting showed a lack of knowledge that the Reform Party does not deserve.

Manning towers over other federal leaders when it comes to decency and integrity. This is why after being an important member of the Conservative Party for 25 years I joined Reform. I accept his economic and social policies.

I believe our national Jewish organizations owe the Reform Party an apology.

I urge every Jew to read the fair assessment of Manning and the Reform Party in a feature interview in the CJN, Jan. 30, 1992.

Ben Otis
Toronto

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ROOTLESSNESS

I can only wholeheartedly support Esther Perel, the New York psychotherapist who commented (CJN, Jan. 7, Montreal edition) that interfaith couples are idealistic when they think they can bring up their children in both the Christian and Jewish traditions. At the same time, I would like to applaude the efforts of the Jewish community to discuss this important issue in a public forum.

My one suggestion for the future though would be to invite adults who have been brought up with both religious traditions. I believe only then would interfaith couples understand the results of such a half and half upbringing.

In my own case, I have been enriched by the experience of learning and appreciating the main ingredients of both traditions. However, this kind of parenting tends to produce a loose alliance to both parents' faiths, but a conviction in neither.

As Perel pointed out in the seminar, the children end up with a sense of rootlessness. I would like to say as my final point that if parents do not make a choice for their children, then they are failing to offer them the sense of belonging and solid identity they themselves benefited from.

Joanne Grosman
Montreal

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LISTEN TO BLACKS

I recently viewed the film, *Malcolm X,* by director Spike Lee, with much hope and admiration. Although many Jews still recall several of Malcom X's outspoken, and often unfair views against us, there is an overwhelming need to forgive and move on to the vital issues at hand: inequality between races. As Jews, it is our duty to never forget history — whether positive or negative — yet it is also our task to seek out reason and begin to understand the frustration and rage that drove Malcolm X to state his claims. Being "black" in North America is hardly easier now than it was 30 years ago: racist individuals are merely more subtle in their ways.

The plight of the modern black man and woman is echoed in both the recently well-publicized violence and poorly-documented peaceful demonstrations in Canada and the United States. This plight, however, is more clearly, and more easily heard directly from the mouths of Afro- and Carribean-Canadians who, similarly, possess a desire to never forget the past, yet to have a fair chance at the future. I believe that we can help; first we must listen more vigorously.

Joel Ray
Hamilton

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THANKS TO JFS

For more than 10 years, the Jewish community of Montreal has helped me and I want to thank you all.

We were a lower income family and went to Jewish Family Services for help. My older daughter has challenging needs and we were put in touch with a synagogue that could help her prepare for her bat mitzvah two afternoons a week for two years. We received our first of many Rosh Hashanah baskets of goodies and when Passover was nearing, a grant to help pay for the extra expenses for foods for the holiday plus a basket of goodies.

Eventually, we started to give to the community as we became foster respite care parents. Soon after our first little girl with challenging needs came once a month for the weekend, I became a single parent. I continued to foster weekends. My two daughters help me out and we now have three weekends a month covered.

The Jewish community has continuously helped with camps for both of my girls each summer as well as clothing grants and financial assistance when my earnings were quite low, as I worked permanent part-time.

Recently, I was enrolled in several courses through fostering and feel I have learned so much. I hope to use this knowledge.

My challenging needs daughter recently turned 18 and new services have opened up for her. She has met some peers and joined in a drama course which seems to be the highlight of her week!

My final thank you for now goes to whoever donated that block of tickets to *The Phantom Of The Opera* and my worker for thinking that my daughters would enjoy it.

Maddy Engel
Montreal

U.S. election provides some interesting footnotes

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

With the inauguration of Bill Clinton as the 42nd President of the United States, the last weeks have focused our attention on our neighbor south of the border. As a footnote to the many celebrations and new appointments, and with all the speculations surrounding policy directions, here are some items of specific Jewish interest.

— **Jewish Senators:** The last elections brought three new Jewish Senators to Washington, along with 11 new Jewish Representatives. The numbers of Senators now is at an all-time high of 10. In the House, the number of Jews has remained constant at 33.

There are two states which have sent both of their Senators to the Hill: California elected Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer; and Wisconsin, a state with a relatively small Jewish population, sent Herbert Kohl and Russell Feingold.

— **Has Jesse Jackson changed?:** Israel has invited the well known black leader to pay his second visit to the country. The last time he was there was in 1979. In recent months the strain which existed between Mr. Jackson and the Jewish community has visibly lessened. Time was when he made offensive remarks about "Hymie town" and the like, but since the last Democratic convention there has been a significant rapprochement. The *Jewish Post and Opinion* calls it a "comradely" relationship.

Rabbi Plaut

I hope it lasts. The American black community is riddled with highly vociferous anti-Semitic figures, amongst whom Al Sharpton — a charismatic preacher — is the most vicious.

Reversing the figures in the white population, where the less educated tend to show a higher degree of anti-Semitic feelings than the better educated, the black community's best educated are also the most anti-Jewish. No one has yet figured out why this should be so.

— Speaking of the *Post*, it is interesting to see that Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa writes a regular weekly Torah commentary for it. While the paper does not enjoy mass circulation, it is read by many professionals, and especially rabbis of all shades.

— Since I am citing the *Post*, let me bring to you what the paper calls its "quotation of the week." This one is from Rabbi Richard Hammerman of Toms River, New Jersey.

"I feel sorry for our deprived Jewish children. No, I am not referring to poor Jewish children of whom we have some, but not many. In fact, according to the latest statistics, ours is the wealthiest religious group in the United States. Indeed, some of our poorest Jewish children, in the Chassidic community, are probably the least deprived. I feel sorry for Jewish children who are deprived of their heritage.

"No, it is not anti-Semitism which locks the doors of the synagogue to them. It is not bigotry which prevents their families from sharing a 4,000-year-old heritage with them. Nor is it finances which stand in the way of opening up the treasure house of Jewish tradition and foreclosures the legacy which rightly belongs to them.

"Jewish parents are depriving their children. Jewish parents who usually want the best for their children are starving and depriving them of the riches which belong to them. Jewish parents are cutting their children off from their legacy. Jewish parents are standing in the way of their children of receiving their heritage and knowing their ancestral tradition."

The article then goes on to list how many material benefactions parents bestow upon their children, and how few spiritual gifts. Unfortunately, his critique applies to Canada as well.

— Now that the United States has a new President, Jews are naturally asking: What kind of relationship will he maintain with Israel? What will Secretary of State Christopher do with the stalled peace process? The answers, which are largely guess work, go something like this: The President will probably do very little for the time being, but will try to avoid having to veto a UN resolution ordering sanctions against Israel. But to accomplish this, the U.S. must persuade enough Security Council members to abstain from voting sanctions. At the same time, Israel will be subject to significant pressure from the White House.

Soviet Jews revitalize community in eastern Germany

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jews from the former Soviet Union may well be the salvation of Jewish communities in eastern Germany.

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, thousands of Soviet Jews have poured into Germany's eastern provinces, while younger Jews in what was East Germany have resettled in western Germany.

The Soviet emigres, said McMaster University sociologist Robin Ostow in a paper delivered at a recent University of Toronto seminar on Germany since unification, "represent the only hope for the rejuvenation and continuity" of eastern Germany's tiny and heretofore dying Jewish community. Apart from East Berlin, they have settled in Dresden, Leipzig, Erfurt, Halle, Schwerin, Magdeburg and Chemnitz (formerly Karl-Marx Stadt.)

Ostow is an authority on East German Jewry. Several months before the demise of the German Democratic Republic (DDR), she published *Jews in Contemporary East Germany: The Children of Moses in the Land of Marx*. The timing couldn't have been poorer. At first glance, the collapse of the DDR rendered Ostow's field irrelevant. But on closer examination, this is not necessarily true. The steady influx of Jews into eastern Germany is creating a momentum of its own and whipping up a measure of renewed interest in Ostow's topic. Indeed, Ostow, a Canada Research Fellow, is updating her first book. Due to be published in May, it is entitled *Yom Kippur in Gesthsemane*.

Jewish community centre in western Berlin.

In a preview of her revised work, Ostow disclosed that, while the Jewish communities of eastern Germany today are largely composed of Soviet Jews, they operate under western German law. In January 1991, the East Berlin Jewish community, with its 200 registered members, was disbanded and absorbed into the West Berlin Jewish community of 7,000.

Since 1989, Ostow added, there has been an upsurge of anti-Semitic incidents in eastern Germany, ranging from the desecration of Jewish cemeteries to the spray-painting of Nazi slogans and swastikas on buildings. Consequently, for the first time, Jewish communities in eastern Germany requested, and received, police protection. In the authoritarian, Communist DDR, such manifestations were generally suppressed.

Tracing the development of East Germany's Jewish community, Ostow said that Jewish life there was tenuous, and that it was sustained by a small group of religious Jews who were at odds with the thoroughly secular and assimilated Jews who devoted themselves to building and consolidating communism. In a reference to the latter, she said: "Their commitment and identity were primarily socialist, and they kept their distance from the Jewish communities."

Anti-Jewish purges in late 1952 and early 1953 devastated these Jewish Communists, who were accused of being agents of Zionism and imperialism. Meanwhile, the leaders of the Jewish community were interrogated and asked to sign statements which equated Zionism with fascism. This crisis led to the emigration of several hundred Jews. But by mid-1953, after Josef Stalin's death, there was an abrupt change in government policy, as Jewish communities received substantial government grants to repair their synagogues.

Conditions improved yet again in the mid-1980s, when, as Ostow put it, "Jewish communities were awarded large sums of money to produce Jewish culture." There was, of course, an ulterior motive. In the face of domestic restiveness and growing economic problems, the DDR curried favor with the West in order to bolster its political legitimacy as an anti-fascist state and to boost trade with the United States and the European Community.

Today, despite the flight of Jews to western Germany, a Jewish cultural renaissance is taking place in eastern Germany, Ostow observed. But it is "barely noticed" in other parts of Germany. Last September, *Der Spiegel* published a special edition on Jews in Germany. But inexplicably enough, there was no mention at all of this development taking shape in the eastern land.

Humor does not necessarily mean being mean

By ELAINE KAHN

For most of my life, humor has been defined for me as a question of finding suitable targets to attack.

Today, with sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, disabilities and so on no longer acceptable as targets, at least for some of us, I'd wondered whether humor, which we need so badly, would just die out.

I realized this summer that I no longer even find Woody Allen funny — gave up trying to reread his books, which a decade ago had me rolling off furniture, because they were dated and sexist. This was a real shock — my husband and I had been such fans that lines from Allen's concert routines of the mid-60s are part of our regular vocabulary.

That's when my sister directed me to Jerry Seinfeld's weekly TV show, and there's been no turning back. Seinfeld, Steven Wright and, even before them, Lily Tomlin, make me laugh because they have no targets — just really weird aim.

They take everyday and make it hilarious or absurd — like Gilda Radner doing a riff on the white gunk that collects in the corner of our eyes overnight, but more so.

Perhaps all humor does ultimately come out of anger, but the comics I like have that anger distilled. Female comics who shout routines against men and make them all out to be idiots turn me off as much as male comics who do the same in reverse.

There's some generation gap in this humor, but it's not fixed — Allen and Tomlin are contemporaries. On the other hand, I recently watched a TV special hosted by Bob Hope — the performers were four women comics, all much much younger. I don't think he got a single joke — these were, after all, the kinds of beings he used to be applauded for making jokes about.

Elaine Kahn

The biggest struggle in the mainstream humor world recently was the fight over the *Tonight Show* — would Jay Leno be able to keep it or would David Letterman win out? I'm glad Leno got it — when his writers really want him to be, which hasn't been very often lately, he can be really witty.

I detest Letterman — his so-called jokes leave me wincing and no one seems to have told him yet that targets are out.

Worse, he's uselss as a talk show host, if, by that, one means a person who likes to draw others rather than blather about oneself (I pine for the days of Frost and Cavett). One of my finest TV experiences of recent years was seeing him bested by Jerry Lewis, who left Letterman's superficiality ripped to teensy pieces of inanity all over the studio floor.

That Letterman appeals most to men ages 18 to 34 doesn't surprise me, because they still seem to be the cultural and advertising target group for whatever is left of Neanderthal times, but I would have thought Letterman was geared to grade school kinds — and only the less bright, more obnoxious among them.

He's considered to be hip because he's anarchic (which of course is why he fought to be on mainstream establishment TV at an estimated $14 million a year). And he's viewed as somewhat homophobic ("somewhat" being a distinction akin to "a little pregnant, I believe).

Homophobia anywhere in the arts world is hard for me to grasp, given that gays and lesbians constitute a higher percentage of that population. But even that world is still very closed — when either Leno or Letterman asks a guest if they're dating, they phrase it so the question could never be construed to mean the guest mught be dating someone of the same sex.

If that world still has so much trouble accepting gays and lesbians, the furore over President Clinton's decision to soon lift the ban against gays and lesbians in the military becomes more understandable. But hell, he was on *Arsenio* — he should have known!

Actually, though, I think the real reason for all the fuss over lifting the ban is that it robs popular culture of one of its last rock solid forms of comedy: the draft dodger whose scam is to pretend to be gay.

When the ban is lifted, Max Klinger will no longer be funny. No wonder people are upset!

So solid is our indoctrination in the notion that being gay or lesbian disqualifies one from military service that I'm sure I'm not the only non-military person to have felt surprise at learning, over the last years, that homosexuals have been in the service forever. As much as they've been in any area of life, even those we're conditioned to think of as incontrovertibly straight, like the clergy.

And there have always been co-workers and relatives who, common sense tells me, must have, in many cases, known.

But what we officially don't know of, we don't know of. That's really all that's changing now, and I'm all for it. I'm hopeless in life at pretending to be things I'm not and won't impose that on anyone else either.

And I'm sure not upset that the jokes will go. With the exception of Klinger, who was funny for reasons that went way beyond his desperate attempts to get kicked out of the service and go home, the draft-dodging jokes turned as much on anti-gay humor as on the man acting effeminate by displaying all the worst traits stereotypically associated with women and dressing up as, usually, a very awkward-ugly woman. Women were being attacked here as much as gays.

Targets, attacks — if you're going to fight for what you believe, from whichever side, you've got to learn to handle them. But we all know, from our schoolyard days, that the winner makes fun with, not fun of.

I'll take Seinfeld on picking one's nose in a car over Berle in a dress any day.

Berlin hub of community

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

[Sheldon Kirshner visited Berlin recently. Here is his report]

Berlin is to Germany what New York is to the United States — a grand, effervescent, sophisticated city.

Today, as in pre-Nazi days, Berlin is the hub of the Jewish community in Germany. Berlin's current Jewish population, bolstered by the arrival of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, exceeds 10,000, and is expected to grow in the next few years.

Designated as Germany's capital in the wake of the wende, the historic fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Berlin has an exceedingly rich but mercurial Jewish past.

The first Jews are believed to have settled in Berlin in the 13th century. But for centuries, they led precarious lives, bound by capricious anti-Semitic restrictions, hounded by murderous rampages and subjected to sudden expulsions.

In the 19th century, emancipation liberated the Jewish community from the shackles of officially-sanctioned prejudice and repression. At the same time, however, Berlin became a centre of political anti-Semitism.

From the 18th century onward, Berlin Jewry produced a galaxy of Jewish personalities, ranging from philosopher Moses Mendelssohn (the model for Gotthold Lessing's Nathan the Wise) and composer Kurt Weill to industrialist-cum-diplomat Walter Rathenau and scholar Gershom Scholem.

When the Nazis seized power in 1933, Berlin was home to more Jews than any other German metropolis, about 170,000. Although many Berliners were anti-Nazi, Berlin would be the focus of Nazi self-aggrandizement and power. Berlin was the site of the notorious Reichstag fire, which emboldened Adolf Hitler to issue the first of a series of Draconian decrees which crippled the opposition. Berlin was the locale of pagan book burnings.

Within months of assuming the office of chancellor, Hitler organized a boycott of Jewish stores in Berlin and elsewhere, and this naked display of blatant anti-Semitism foreshadowed a litany of anti-Jewish legislation. As the pressure mounted, increasing number of Jews emigrated. If anyone still had illusions of better days ahead, they evaporated with the outbreak of Kristallnacht, when thousands of Jews were summarily arrested and synagogues were torched and Jewish shops plundered.

The situation went from bad to worse following the start of World War II. Jews were forced to wear the degrading yellow star, and much of Berlin was declared off-limits to Jews, who were reduced to caricatured figures beyond the pale.

Community offices were closed in June 1943, after all but about 5,000 Jews had been deported to such one-way destinations as Riga, Minsk, Kovno, Lodz, Lublin, Theresienstadt, Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, Ravensbruck and Sachsenhausen.

The survivors of the Nazi juggernaut were Jews of mixed ancestry (mischlinges), Jews with Christian spouses and so-called "submarines," Jews who had gone into hiding with the help of Christians.

Today, nearly 50 years after the collapse of the Third Reich, Berlin — which is serviced by Lufthansa Airlines from Canada — is a beacon of freedom and democracy. Yet bitter memories of the Third Reich still flicker, prompted in part by recurring neo-Nazi violence.

In the eastern half of Berlin, construction crews are busy rebuilding Berlin's finest pre-war synagogue, in a still-shabby neighborhood that is being taken over, piecemeal, by Berlin's avant-garde.

With its distinctive golden cupolas glittering in the sun, the Oranienburgerstrasse synagogue is an enduring monument to the greatness of Moorish architecture. Once a jewel in the crown of German Judaism, the synagogue was the target of arsonists on Kristallnacht. It was last used as a house of prayer in 1942. Converted into a military warehouse, it was bombed and nearly destroyed by Allied aircraft in 1943.

Hermann Goring, the chief of the Luftwaffe, had boasted that Germans could call him Meyer — a common Jewish surname — if a single bomb fell on Berlin. As it happened, the Royal Air Force bombed Berlin in August 1940, inflicting the first German civilian casualties of the war. By 1945, Berlin had absorbed more than 300 Allied air raids, which killed upwards of 50,000 people and rendered homeless 1.5 million Berliners.

After the cessation of hostilities, the Oranienburgerstrasse synagogue was nothing more than a blackened hulk with trees growing in its forlorn interior. In an effort to curry favor with the West, now-defunct East Germany announced it would rebuild the synagogue in what was then East Berlin, a symbol of Cold War divisions.

"It was a big political act," says Michael Stade, the construction manager since 1989.

Crews rebuilding grand synagogue

Work began in the summer of 1988, and is scheduled to be finished on May 8, 1995, the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Since funds are unavailable for rebuilding the entire synagogue, part of the ruins will be left intact, behind a glass partition, to remind visitors of the ugly past. When reconstruction is finally completed, the synagogue will revert not only to its original function, but will serve as a Jewish community centre, museum, library and archives.

Eastern Berlin, mercifully no longer cordoned off by concrete walls, guard towers, barbed wire and menacing dogs, attracted a great many Jewish residents in pre-Nazi times.

The neighborhood around the Oranienburgerstrasse synagogue was populated by 30,000 to 40,000 Jews, according to Orly Zoels, a Jewish community worker. On the eve of Germany's reunification in October 1990, East Berlin had a registered Jewish population of about 200, but upwards of 3,000 unaffiliated Jews are said to have lived here.

Two of the biggest Jewish cemeteries in Germany are located in the eastern sector.

The Schonhauser Allee cemetery, which opened in 1827 and closed in 1942, is the last resting place of such luminaries as the composer Giacomo Meyerbeer (1791-1864), the financier Gerson Von Bleichroder (1823-1893), the publisher Leopold Ullstein (1826-1899) and the painter Moritz Oppenheim (1802-1883).

Its weathered gravestones, some of which have toppled over and are overgrown with moss, are sheltered by a canopy of mature trees, giving the cemetery a bucolic appearance.

Across town is the Weisensee cemetery, the largest Jewish cemetery in Europe. Its vast, manicured grounds house the remains of, among others, Herbert Baum (1912-1942), a prominent anti-Nazi fighter and Communist after whom a street in eastern Berlin is named, and Sigmund Aschrott (1826-1915), a Prussian banker.

Rosenstrasse, a dead-end street opposite the Marx-Engels subway station, is drab and sterile in appearance. But it was here, in February and March of 1943, that a great victory in civil disobedience was won in front of a Gestapo building.

Thousands of Jewish men — and some women — were to have been deported from Rosenstrasse. But in the face of courageous protests from their Christian spouses, the Nazis released the captives. A memorial, due to be erected later this month, will commemorate this little-known incident.

There are two kosher restaurants in eastern Berlin — the Oren, adjacent to the Oranienburgerstrasse synagogue, and the Beit Cafe at 40 Tucholskystrasse, in the building of the Orthodox community.

The two functioning synagogues in the vicinity are Adas Yisroel, which is Orthodox, and the liberal Rykestrasse congregation, the best-preserved shul in postwar Berlin.

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Western Berlin has no shortage of historically interesting places either.

By far the most impressive and haunting is the Wannsee Villa, where the Final Solution was promulgated in January 1942. Opened to the public last year as Germany's first permanent memorial to the six million, this museum evokes the terror of the Nazi era.

The room where the actual decision was taken to murder the Jews of Europe on a systematic basis has been preserved. Its windows look out to a terrace, a placid lake and a beach. Could it have really happened here? Under glass, on a long table where the murderers sat as they pondered the fate of millions of Jews from Albania to Turkey, are the original documents of the infamous Wannsee Conference.

Further on, in a display case, is a bolt of bright yellow cloth, emblazoned with innumerable yellow and black Stars of David marked with a single accusatory word in Gothic lettering — Jude.

Photographs, mounted on walls throughout the museum, starkly recount the horror of roundups, deportations, shootings and gassings in Nazi-occupied Europe.

On another wall are blueprints of Auschwitz.

Wannsee Villa is hard on the emotions, but it's a necessary experience for anyone passing through Berlin.

At the corner of Erdenerstrasse and Koenigsallee, in a leafy Berlin suburb minutes away by car from the Wannsee Villa, is a plain stone memorial marking the spot where Walter Rathenau — the German foreign minister of Jewish origin — was assassinated by radical rightists in 1922.

The Topography of Terror Museum provides further evidence of the reign of Nazi tyranny. By turns doleful and numbing, it presents a pantheon of Nazi villains and their hapless opponents, and chronicles Germany's persecution of the Jews and its prosecution of the Holocaust.

The neighborhood around the museum, encompassing Prinz-Albrechtstrasse and Wilhelmstrasse, housed the most feared agencies of the Third Reich — the Gestapo and the SS. The buildings where desk-bound criminals worked are long gone, having been bombed off the face of the earth. Fancy apartment buildings, in close proximity to remnants of the infamous Berlin Wall, have sprung up in their place. But on one expansive stretch of land, weeds grow in profusion and wild brown rabbits gambol amid trees and bush.

The German Resistance Memorial Centre, near the Tiergarten, the wooded park where Berliners relax on weekends, is a museum dedicated to anti-Nazi resistors. It was previously the Army High Command building where officers, led by General Claus Graf Schenk von Stauffenberg, plotted to assassinate Hitler in 1944.

Upon request, visitors can obtain free booklets in German and English. The topics in English are Jewish resistance under the Third Reich and Jewish Berliners who survived the war underground.

West Berlin's Jewish community centre, on Fasanenstrasse, just off the fashionable Kurfurstendamm, was built on the sight of a Reform synagogue badly damaged during Kristallnacht. Foreign visitors interested in community activities should drop in for the latest news.

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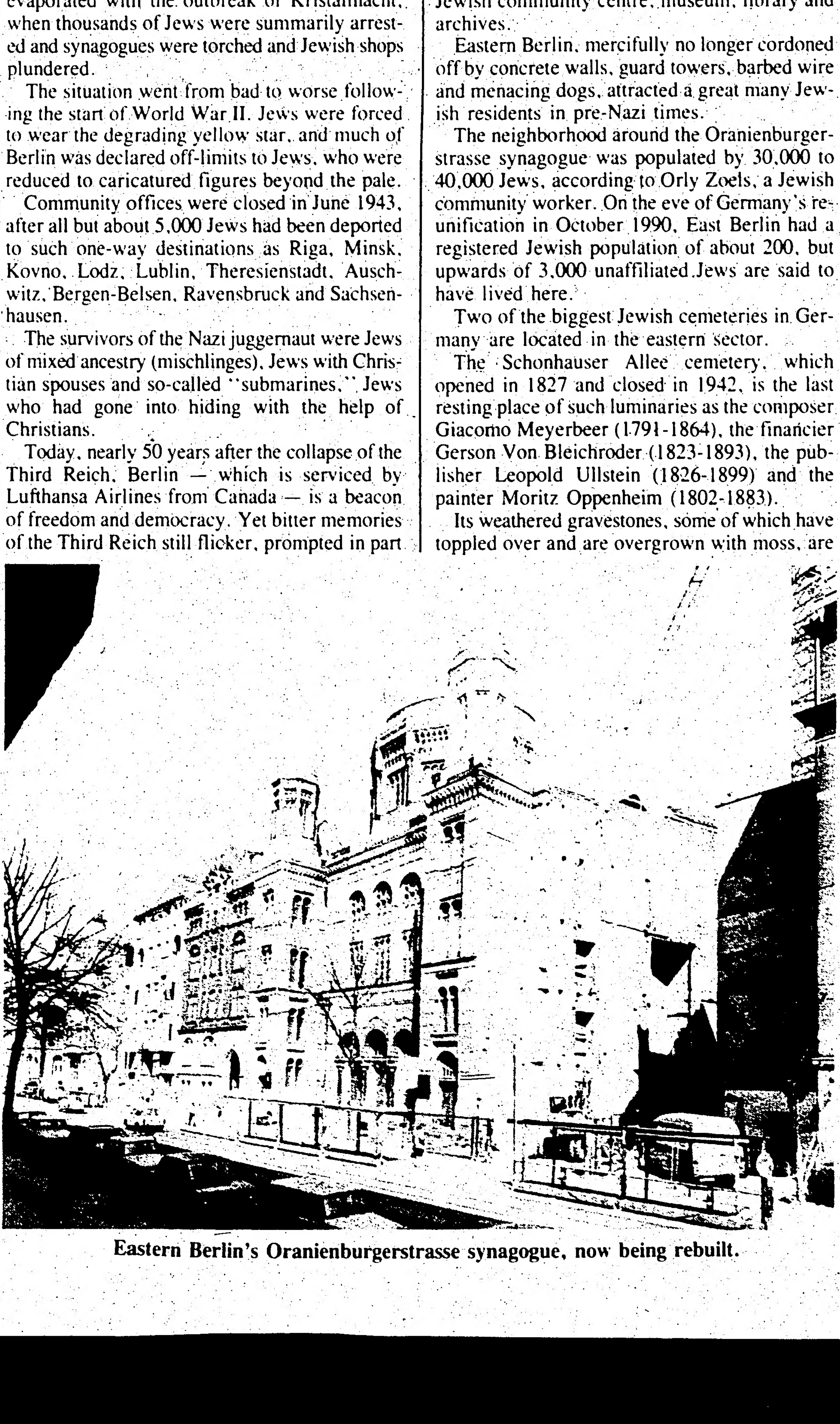

Eastern Berlin's Oranienburgerstrasse synagogue, now being rebuilt.

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Iosef Zissels, a leader of Ukrainian Jewry, has paid dearly for his convictions.

Now chair of the Kiev-based Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of the Ukraine, Zissels spent a total of six years in prison and one year under administrative detention because he refused to remain silent.

An activist in the 1970s and 1980s in his hometown of Chernovsty (Czernowitz), Zissels incurred the wrath of the Communist authorities in the old Soviet Union because he fought for the right of Jews to emigrate, organized then-illegal Hebrew classes as part of an effort to revitalize Jewish life in Ukraine and monitored Soviet human rights violations.

Initially arrested in 1978, he was charged with maligning the Soviet Union. Released three years later, Zissels was rearrested in 1984. Freed in 1987, he was thereupon placed under house arrest and banished to the Urals.

Zissels, who's in his mid-40s, smiled wanly and shrugged when I suggested he must have been courageous for having undertaken these forbidden activities. Yes, it crossed his mind that he risked incarceration. But no, it did not deter him in the least. "It was my mission in life," he said without a trace of pretense.

Besides, Zissels added, he had good company in prison. His jail mates included the cream of the Ukrainian intelligentsia: Levko Lukjanenko, Ukraine's current ambassador to Canada; Vjacheslav Chornovil, a founder of the Rukh movement, which helped steer Ukraine to independence in August 1991; Mucola Gorbal, now a member of Kiev's municipal council; Miroslav Marinovich, a poet and philosopher; and Micola Rudenko, a writer.

We spoke in his cramped office on Kurskaja Street, in a modern, stylish building Zissels' organization shares with the Israeli Information and Cultural Centre and a centre for the deaf. Fairly tall and bearded, Zissels is a serious and intense person fluent in Russian and Ukrainian and conversant in Hebrew. His English is practically nonexistent.

A Jewish leader with a prison record

Looking back at his prison period, Zissels expresses nary a regret. "I gained a better understanding of people under duress," he explained in a conversation interrupted by telephone calls and brief consultations with officials, secretaries and visitors.

And, of course, he forged important links with Ukrainian nationalists, with whom he was able to discuss a wide variety of topics at length.

Zissels, whose late father taught him the fundamentals of Jewish culture and religion, would expound on the disadvantaged position of Jews in the Soviet Union. "They knew nothing about Jewish problems," he said. His Ukrainian acquaintances and friends would give voice to their dreams of a sovereign, democratic Ukraine.

Zissels was a sympathetic listener, not only because he shared their animus of communism, but because he realized that Jews and Ukrainians could work together and coexist in an independent Ukraine.

As a prisoner of conscience, Zissels was tied to a rigid routine. He rose early, and worked for the rest of the day in a machine shop. In civilian life, he had been a radio engineer. He had sufficient time to read (which is more than he can claim today.) He encountered almost no anti-Semitism, which had blocked his career.

The food aggravated a stomach ailment. "It was of very poor quality — lots of potatoes and bread, and hardly any meat or vegetables." Today, Zissels is in good health.

Zissels has no plans to emigrate. But he doesn't exclude the possibility of eventually settling in Israel, which is a kind of second home to him.

His 21-year-old son, Alex, a soldier, as well as his brother, sister and ex-wife, live in the Jewish state.

Zissels regards himself as a builder who's contributing to the cultural revival sweeping the Jewish community of Ukraine. Although he belives that Jews have a future in Ukraine, he is not a Polyanna. Economic conditions, combined with the fear of political instability and anti-Semitism, are driving out Jews.

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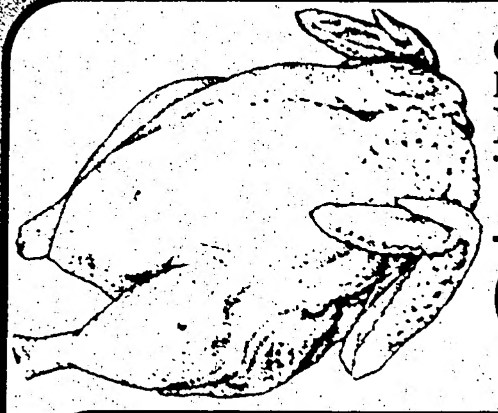

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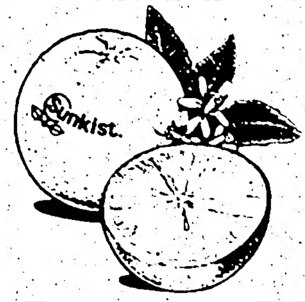

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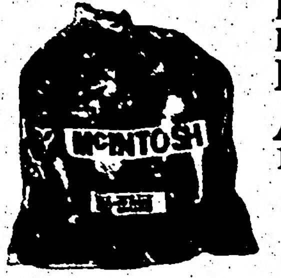

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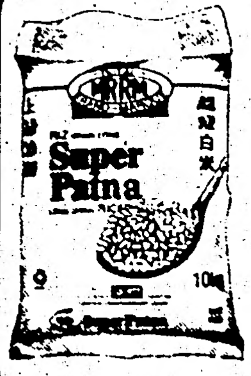

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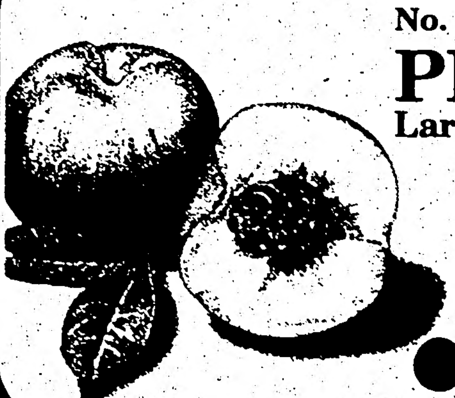

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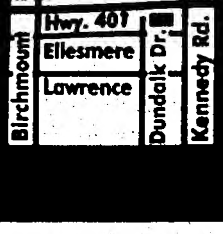

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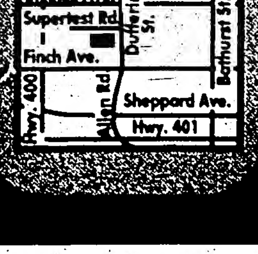

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Organizations and People

Sharon Abelson (left) and Ashllie Davidsson took part in the American High School Program at Pardess Chana last year.

Toronto teens spend year studying in Israel

TORONTO — It is the dream of many Canadian high school students to travel to Israel for a summer experience.

But some high school students, like Sharon Abelson and Ashllie Davidsson of Toronto, decided to go one step further — they spent an entire year in Israel, and loved it!

"It was the best thing I've ever done for myself in my life," according to Abelson.

Abelson and Davidsson took part in the American High School program at the Pardes Channa Agricultural High School. As well as undertaking a complete academic program, accepted by American and Canadian high school authorities, all students on the program take courses in Hebrew language and ancient and contemporary Israel.

"It was my most successful academic year," explained Abelson, who took her final year of high school there this year. "The curriculum is so interesting. Reuven [the teacher of the course on Israel] is the best teacher I've ever had."

Located about five miles inland from the Mediterranean, about halfway between Tel Aviv and Haifa, the school serves over 1,850 students from Pardes Channa and surrounding towns and settlements. Two hundred and fifty of those students live in dormitories in the community.

The 50-acre campus consists of school buildings, dormitories, a farm area, sports facilities, theatre, library, science centre, kosher dining hall, laundry and infirmary.

The school also provides for field trips, studies at various sites in Israel, community service volunteer programs, agricultural work experience, trips and activities with Israeli students, journalism, art first-aid, music and sports, plus a special week-long desert adventure.

The program is open to students entering grades 10, 11 or 12. Anyone who would like more information about the program can call (212) 339-6081 or speak with Rina Genn, who runs the program in Pardes Channa, during her forthcoming visit to Toronto. Genn will be in the Jewish Community Centre, North branch, Room 206 on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

"I would encourage anyone to go on this program. It allows kids to open their eyes, open their minds," said Davidsson. "Israel is a place where people can learn what life is all about. Pardes Channa is a wonderful place to do it."

Aliyah's importance stressed

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Every year is a good year for aliyah, according to Israeli consul-general Dror Zeigerman, who spoke recently to potential olim at a meeting sponsored by the Israel Aliyah Centre and Tehilla, an Orthodox aliyah group.

"We need the Jewish people who come and settle from western countries," he said. "Aliyah is not easy, but it's important. Without this Israel will not continue to exist."

Zeigerman, who was invited to speak on 1993: A Good Year for Aliyah?, said that now is an excellent time for aliyah because of the strong possibility that Israel will sign a peace treaty with Syria and perhaps Jordan.

There has been some economic recovery in Israel, said Zeigerman. This year is the first time inflation was less than 10 percent.

In a question and answer session following his talk, Zeigerman discounted concerns about the rate of unemployment in Israel now hovering between 11 and 12 percent. "What is the unemployment rate here in Canada? The same." (The Canadian figure for December 1992 was 11.5 percent, Statistics Canada confirms.)

North American olim generally find jobs within a year of their arrival, aliyah shaliach Ofer Gavish said. Listeners disputed him. One Tehilla member said a melamed she knew had been told by Israelis that he would be "crazy" to make aliyah without financial backing.

There was also concern expressed that professionals may find it difficult to qualify for licensing in Israel.

North American olim numbered more than 3,000 in the past year, Gavish told *The CJN*. Toronto has the third-largest number of olim in North America, behind New York and Los Angeles. Last year 90 people made aliyah from Toronto.

Pre-Passover course planned

TORONTO — The Kashruth Council of Toronto affiliated with Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress has announced that a special pre-Passover discussion and cooking demonstration will be held Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

"We have had numerous requests by people of all ages to hold this pre-Passover session and we are opening the evening to the entire community," says Cynthia Gasner, the information and public relations officer for the council and organizer of the department's educational programs.

Esther Schwartz, the kosher food consultant and a well-known cooking demonstrator and lecturer, and Vivian Anhang, a teacher and graduate home economist who has many years of experience in presenting food-related programs to all segments of the community, will present the programs for the evening.

To register for the pre-Passover session, send your name, address, postal code, phone number (home and work) with a postdated cheque for $15 to: Cynthia Gasner, Information and Public Relations, Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2. For more details, call (416) 635-9550.

Esther Schwartz (left) and Vivian Anhang.

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Alternate lifestyles prompt rabbinical questions

Rabbis consider where to draw line

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO –

Contrary to popular opinion, the Orthodox viewpoint on alternate lifestyles including homosexuality and intermarriage is not unequivocal. In fact, over the past two decades a number of Orthodox authorities have come up with what some might consider unorthodox interpretations of contemporary problems.

Heated controversy resulted from a recent responsum on intermarriage by California Rabbi Simcha Cohen. Rabbi Mark Dratch of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation recently told a group of York University students at the Jewish Student Federation (JSF). Rabbi Cohen postulated that because of its prevalence there is a possibility that intermarriage may no longer be considered a punishable act of rebellion and suggested that it might be in order to find a way of bringing intermarried Jews and their Jewish children closer to Judaism.

Rabbis Dratch and Cohen are members of the Orthodox Round Table, a group of about a dozen modern Orthodox rabbis formed several years ago to re-examine halachic positions on contemporary problems.

Questions plaguing rabbis hesitant about reaching out to intermarried couples include whether such outreach would imply approval of intermarriage, Rabbi Dratch said. "Will we have less ammunition to fight against intermarriage? Will it snowball into something worse? Where do we draw the bottom line?" Such questions remain unresolved.

Rabbi Dratch compared intermarried Jews and homosexuals to non-observant Jews who were at one time routinely ostracized from the Jewish community. From the Orthodox perspective, any non-Orthodox lifestyle is an "alternative lifestyle," Rabbi Dratch explained.

The rabbi spoke out against the trend toward gay synagogues. Citing the biblical prohibition against homosexual practices, Rabbi Dratch compared the idea to that of a synagogue for non-kosher eaters, adulterers, or those who speak Lashon HaRah (idle gossip).

"I believe we have to be judgmental in the sense of standing by our principles, but I don't believe we should reject people because we feel they will not accept the entire [Torah] package," the rabbi said.

If someone has homosexual feelings but doesn't express them, he hasn't committed a sin, Rabbi Dratch told the students.

When a student challenged Rabbi Dratch on the likelihood of homosexuals resisting same-sex attraction, the rabbi pointed out that the Torah imposes many restrictions: although many Jews who keep kosher have no desire for pork, there are others who abstain even though they are tempted to eat something forbidden.

The degree of acceptance of people living alternative lifestyles is a contentious issue in the Jewish community. "If people deviate from Orthodox traditional norms, some rabbis maintain that official involvement would grant legitimacy to their practices," Rabbi Dratch said.

The question of whether a non-Sabbath observant Jew could lead a minyan was addressed in a mid-19th century responsum that looked at non-observance as being "so widespread that many are not aware of the seriousness of their offence." This explanation puts the offender in a less serious category, leading the way to greater acceptance of the person.

"We have to find ways of bridging the gaps which have developed," said Rabbi Dratch.

The rabbi spoke as part of JSF's Food and Thought/Ranting with the Rabbis program.

Intermarriage, assimilation said to be key issues

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hasn't seen a synagogue since his bar mitzvah."

Panelist Susan Jackson of the Canadian Jewish Congress said Jewish parents today are afraid of their children and appear to have lost control of their families. "There are 12-year-olds telling their parents what to do," she said.

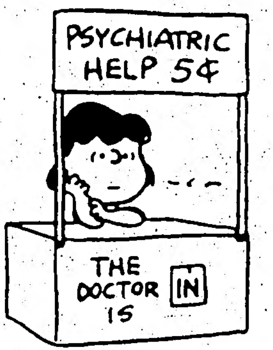
Brotman said intermarriage and assimilation are the single most important topics on the North American Jewish agenda. He estimated that the intermarriage rate in Canada is 25 percent, compared with the rate of 52 percent in the United States. "We're still at an earlier stage, a generation away from the experience in the United States."

If he had only one question to ask Jewish young people today, Brotman said it would be "Why be Jewish?".

Lipsitz said the rate of intermarriage is higher among Jews who are marrying for the second or third time. Among Jews who are outside religious folds, the rate of intermarriage exceeds 50 percent, he said.

One woman of mature years said the evening's discussion was beyond her. "All my children went to the Associated and they all married other Jews," she said.

An unidentified man in the audience said once a year rabbis should set aside time to introduce single men to single women.



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'Galloping grandma' Morris celebrates her 90th birthday

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Fay Morris is honored at the Jewish Community Centre on her 90th birthday.

TORONTO —

On a cold, blustery, early morning recently, the Women's Health Club at the north branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) came alive with words and songs of admiration for the sprightly Fay Morris. More than 50 members and friends gathered at a breakfast to celebrate her 90th birthday.

It was a tribute to remember. The great-great-grandmother, who recently celebrated her 70th anniversary with her husband Harvie, has been a regular at the JCC for more than 40 years. By 8 a.m. when most members begin arriving, Fay is usually finished her warm up exercises, lengths in the pool, some speed walking, sauna and whirlpool.

Known lovingly as "the galloping grandma" for her vitality and exuberance, Fay has received numerous awards. She successfully completed a 100-mile, 5-week run when she was in her 80s and she won a swim competition.

She attributes her good health to being a vegetarian and living a natural hygiene way of life. At 70, she took up piano lessons and voice lessons at age 80. She loves to play the piano and sing at the same time.

Her love of life is contagious. She says that she wakes up before 5 a.m. every morning singing and she feels better on her 90th birthday than she did when she was in her 30s. And with a wink she adds "But I do things a bit slower now."

Shirley Landau, the director of the JCC's Women's Health Club says, "Fay Morris is our ideal. She has inspired many women, young and old alike, to push themselves further than they thought possible. With her zest for life and her positive attitude, her smiling face has warmed our hearts. The feeling is, if Fay can do it, then I can too."

Along with her physical activities at the JCC, members at the Health Club told *The CJN* that they often turn to the wise matriarch for advice. She will sit and talk, advise and sing. "She is empathetic and always lends a willing ear," says Alice Liberman who adds that "Fay inspired me to take piano lessons."

Liberman wrote a poem to her mentor "a beautiful lady known as Fay who deserves a special accolade today." In her tribute "to this wonderfully optimistic little English bird," Liberman jested that "it wouldn't surprise us to see that by the tender age of 93, she will have learned to ski."

Vivien Rosenberg feted Morris for her joi de vivre with a poem that began with "You struck gold long before you reached the golden years."

In her speech of appreciation, with a twinkle in her clear blue eyes, Fay sang a song which epitomizes her philosophy of life, *Young at Heart* as those present joined in the chorus.

In a note from her son, *CJN* writer Gerry Morris, he commented, "By my mother's irresistible spirit, boundless love and positive thinking, she has inspired a host of people far and near. I speak for my entire family when I say we would love and respect her just as much if she did not belong to us. Fay Morris is one of a kind."

To complete the short but moving ceremony, Landau presented the honoree with a jogging shirt with a large colored picture of Fay on a treadmill. The front of the shirt read, "Fabulous Fay — The older I become the younger I look." And the back was embossed with, "I'm not 90 — I'm 18 with 72 years experience."

Fay responded, "I'm looking forward to the happy hundred."

Public speaking contest set

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

The 1993 Morris Black Memorial public speaking contest will be held Feb. 28, 6 p.m. at the Hamilton-Wentworth area Jewish Community Centre (JCC), 1030 Lower Lions Rd., Ancaster.

Held annually in conjunction with Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO and the JCC, the contest is open to all Jewish students grades 4-9 in the Hamilton area and surrounding communities.

Originally an essay contest, it is named for Morris Black, the Peterborough businessman who died in 1970, leaving a bequest for an essay contest for Jewish children.

It has been held in Hamilton since Black's son, Dr. Richard Black, moved to Ancaster with his family in the late 70s.

While it barely survived as an essay contest, it has become a popular annual institution since its change to a public speaking contest in the mid-80s.

Since then, an estimated 50 to 60 area children have taken part each year, with some participants coming from as far afield as St. Catharines, Guelph, Kitchener and Mississauga.

To enter, participants must register by Feb. 21 and prepare a presentation from any one of 11 listed topics. The suggested time limit is three minutes.

Prizes will be awarded in each of three categories: grades 4-5; grades 6-7; and grades 8-9.

In each category a first prize of $75, a second prize of $50 and a third prize of $25, will be awarded.

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Health program to aid frail elderly

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO –
Beginning April 1, 1993, frail persons 65 and over in Ontario will be entitled to free homemaker services even though they are not under (medical) care.

The extension of this service is expected to bring the benefit to 200 more seniors this year in the area served by Senior Care, the agency providing homemakers in the area bounded by Steeles and St. Clair and Dufferin and Bayview-Don Mills.

Previously this benefit was extended to frail, elderly people only if they were under professional care. The definition of "frail, elderly" will be made by the agency after a needs assessment.

The new regulations, according to Ed Watson, a program planner with the Metro Toronto District Health Council, come into effect under the new Integrated Home Care Program of the Ontario government. A total of $130 million has been allotted to fund the program.

For the area served by Senior Care, the case load eligible for homemakers will increase by 12 percent by bringing the new category of rail.elderly into the picture, agency officials say.

Services provided to 2,000 clients

In 1991-92, Senior Care provided homemaking, housekeeping, personal care and companionship and respite care services to about 2,000 clients.

Another important development for seniors is the expansion and upgrading of at-home palliative services in the home for the terminally ill.

The increased need for palliative care is the result of families choosing to have a loved one at home in the final days, said Michael Scheinert, Senior Care's executive director.

Senior Care was selected to produce a training video and manuals for homemakers doing palliative care. The materials, financed by the Trillium Foundation through the Ontario Community Support Association and designed for visiting homemakers, are available from Senior Care at a cost of $99.95.

One survey estimates that 95 percent of palliative care is still given in hospital, but palliative care will increase at home because of the popular movement to control one's own health, the hospice movement and a growing recognition of the the limitations of medical science.

At any one time, 5 to 10 of the 220 visiting homemakers employed by Senior Care are involved in palliative care, according to vice-president Dr. Leslie Richmond. He said there has been a "dramatic improvement" in the training of physicians in palliative treatment since the days when he had to learn it on the fly.

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BJE running program for day school personnel

TORONTO –
The annual inter-school professional development day for day school personnel, sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education of Metropolitan Toronto (BJE), will be held Feb. 15, and will include a group of speakers and consultants whose presentations will aim to upgrade teachers and specialists in the Jewish day school system.

The program, which will be held at the Leslie Street campus of the Associated Hebrew Day Schools, is expected to attract some 450-500 teachers of the approximately 1,300 who serve the entire Jewish school system, including supplementary schools.

The teachers in attendance will represent both Hebrew and general studies faculties.

A major portion of the funding for the professional development seminars is being provided by the Federal Ministry of Multiculturalism and Citizenship.

"The forthcoming professional development day is only one part of the various offerings by the Board of Jewish Education which allow for teacher growth," says Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, executive director of the BJE. Parallel programs are held to meet the specific needs of supplementary instructors.

Serving as keynote speaker will be Rabbi Aharon Herschel Fried a consultant and lecturer and founder of the Jewish Centre for Special Education in New York. A former principal of the Cleveland Hebrew Academy, he will discuss The Jewish Child in the Classroom and the Jewish Family. Fried will also present a workshop on Spotting the Troubled Child which will alert teachers to signals being "telegraphed" by children who are experiencing personal, social, psychological or learning problems.

During the luncheon session, the featured speaker will be Morley Torgov, prize winning author and playwright. Torgov, a practising lawyer, has published four books.

Speaking in Hebrew, Dr. Gabriel Ben-Dor, visiting professor of political science at York University, will discuss Israel in the Middle-East: What Teachers and Students Should Know. Ben-Dor holds a doctorate in Middle Eastern Studies from Princeton University and has published five books and over one hundred scholarly articles on Middle Eastern politics, The Arab-Israel conflict, and related topics.

Among the sessions for Jewish Studies teachers will be workshops dealing with Bible, rabbinic, Jewish history, and Hebrew language. Among the guest presenters will be: Dr. Rafi Sheniak, lecturer at the Hebrew University Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, and a specialist in Jewish history; Mazal Sheniak of the David Yellen Teachers Seminary in Israel; and Rabbi Zvi Ziegler, vice principal of the Westchester Hebrew Day School, Mamaroneck, New York. Ziegler holds a Master's degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary in Biblical Studies and is at work at present on a doctorate in Bible at Yeshiva University.

They will be joined by Dr. Avraham Zwiebel, Professor of psychology and education, Bar Ilan University, who is currently the representative in Canada of the WZO Torah Education Department, working closely with the Board of Jewish Education.

As part of the program for Hebrew teachers, separate panels from among local day school teachers will examine, in clinic-type sessions, approaches to the teaching of various Jewish studies disciplines.

Another panel, headed by Dr. Ruth Borchiver, chief psychologist, Jewish Vocational Services (JVS), will analyze behavioral problems encountered in day school classrooms and the changing demands on the teacher in the Jewish school room. The latter will be based on real scenarious which JVS staff have encountered in Toronto Jewish schools.

Serving as the co-ordinators of the professional development day program are: Yael Seliger, BJE director of teacher development and personnel practices; Reuven Yalon, director of educational services; Rabbi Witty and Zwiebel. Chairing workshops and sessions will be principals of BJE affiliated day schools.

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CORRECTION

In the January 21, 1993 Brides Supplement to The CJN it was incorrectly implied that Bobby Soul was no longer with **Kenny Simon's Hourglass Orchestra**. In fact, Mr. Soul is with the Hourglass Orchestra.

Public speaking finals planned

TORONTO –
Finals in the Ontario-wide Senior Public Speaking Competition, sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, will take place Feb. 14, 10 am, hosted by the Men's Club of Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. The public is invited to attend.

The wide range of topics include: Are Territorial Concessions The Cornerstone To Successful Peace Negotiations; Changes In The Relationship Betweem Israel And Diaspora Jewry; Have Changes In United States/Israel Relations Had An Impact On International Support For Israel; and Can Israel Accommodate Various Levels Of Religious Expression.

Finalists will be competing for a trip to Israel, a $250 State of Israel Bond and $100 cash. Judges will be immigration lawyer Marshall E. Drukarsh; Dr. David H. Goldberg, director of research and education, Foundation for Middle East Studies; and Ontario legal aid lawyer Mordechai Ben-Dat.

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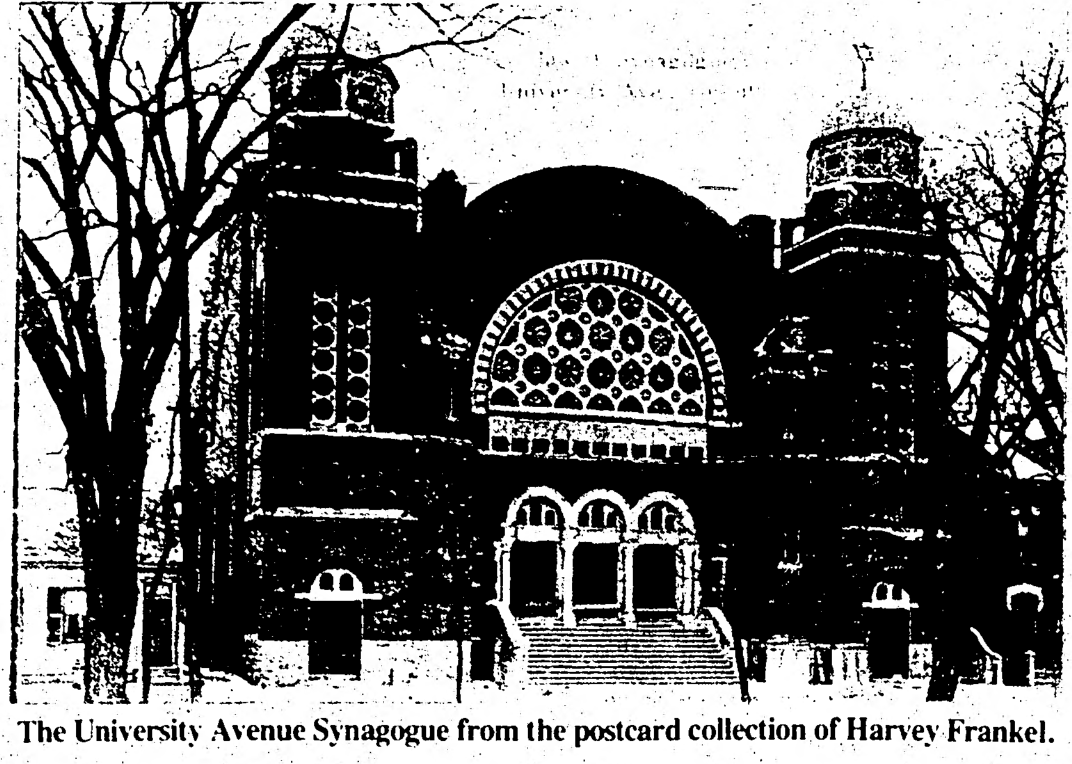

The University Avenue Synagogue from the postcard collection of Harvey Frankel.

Postcard display depicts early moments in Jewish life

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO –

Postcards reflect an exciting range of Jewish life says Harvey Frankel who owns more than 40,000 postcards.

Frankel, who was the guest speaker recently at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast, spoke on, Early 1900 – Jewish life as seen through postcards. He displayed postcards and spoke on a number of themes including, scenes of 19th century ritual events, cards mailed from the concentration camps, European shuls – many destroyed on Kristallnacht, shtetl streets with Jewish names, early Zionist cards, turn-of-the-century businesses and cards of famous Jewish people.

"Fifteen years ago, no collector of Judaic material would have seriously considered postcards as a subject worth exploring," says Frankel. "Today, no serious collector can easily ignore postcards for they represent a range of material that is intriguing in its own right, and therefore, worthy of study. In search of our roots, they present us with an opportunity of looking through the postcard window to view scenes of Jewish life as experienced during the early part of the century."

Frankel notes that many historians "have begun to see the humble postcard as a tool of research, and this is certainly true of those looking for Jewish life." He believes that many students of social history will be inspired to rethink some of the source materials which have been overlooked.

"The plain fact is that the picture postcard played a significant part in the daily life of the population in the years between 1869 – when it was first introduced – through the end of the 1930s." He explained that the world was far different from our own and at that time the postcard had a status far more important than now.

Today, he says, people communicate by telephone, tapes, fax, telex, telegram, video and letters. Postcards are no longer part of our daily lives. Most postcards are purchased when people are on holidays.

"It is not generally realized that in the years before World War I, postcards were one of the most important means of communication." He adds that "if you search long enough, you can probably find a postcard on any subject." In the past decade and a half, there has been a resurgence of interest in North America and around the world by postcard collectors known as deltiologists.

Frankel, who operated an inventory company for 25 years, decided four years ago to make a career change. He wanted to have more free time for his hobby "but it worked in reverse." He took a real estate course and later joined Home Life Partners Realty Inc.

With the help of his wife Lillian, Frankel scours flea markets and antique sales. His collection of Judaica brings to life European Jewry, its joys and sadness.

The 11th Annual Great Canadian Postcard exhibition which is open to the public, will be held Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sheraton Toronto East Hotel and Towers at 2035 Kennedy Rd. in Scarborough.

Orthodox synagogue hosting unique program for women

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO –

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation will be hosting a women's Rosh Chodesh celebration on Feb. 21.

The event, a first for the Orthodox synagogue, was conceived as an opportunity for women to come together to study, pray and feel they have a place in the synagogue, Rabbi Mark Dratch told *The CJN*. A 19-woman committee has organized the celebration under the auspices of the shul's adult education committee.

Rabbi Dratch endorses the program. "I'm interested in meeting needs for my community by providing opportunities where they exist halachically." Expressing concern that the volunteer-led prayer service, which comprises a relatively small part of the celebration, might be misconstrued, Rabbi Dratch explained that it will be "a normal morning service" including Hallel and Musaf. Participants will not read from the Torah nor recite Kaddish.

The rabbi sees such a service as being an enhancement rather than a substitute for participation, or identification with the larger synagogue community.

"What we're doing is within the confines of Halachah and is a way of bringing people closer to Torah," said Rabbi Dratch. "I feel that everybody belongs in the synagogue, men and women, observant and non-observant, and that we have to create opportunities for them to feel comfortable, to be inspired. That was the motivation for this type of program."

The program, which runs from 9:30 a.m. until about 2 p.m., will include a choice of two workshops in the morning and again in the afternoon. Morning workshops are Kol Isha: A Voice for Women in Prayer, Halachic and Philosophical Perspectives, led by Rabbi Dratch; and Women's "Writes": Textual Prayers by Biblical Women, with Dr. Shani Kurtz. Afternoon choices are Reading Midrashic Texts: Legends of Three Women, with Hilda Weil; and Post-Biblical Women and the Tradition of Learning, with Dr. Shoshana Zolty.

Elaine Todres, deputy minister, Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications will speak at lunch on Being a Public Jew.

"I think it's going to be a very enriching experience," said Gale Borison-Socken, a member of the organizing committee.

Rosh Chodesh, a traditional women's holiday, was given to women as a reward for not participating in building and worshipping the Golden Calf. The Shaarei Shomayim celebration is a way of "rekindling the fires to observe Rosh Chodesh again as it was intended," said Borison-Socken.

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CJC funding helps Yiddish courses

TORONTO –

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region has approved an allocation of $7,200 to the committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto to assist in the continuation of three Yiddish courses at the University of Toronto.

In accepting the cheque from Congress, Gerry Kane, chair of the committee for Yiddish, pointed out that the three courses at the University of Toronto have an enrolment of 48 students – the largest number ever.

For the 1992-93 academic year, Kane explained that the university – because of severe financial restraints – had to withdraw its portion of the funding of the Yiddish classes. Thus the committee has had to raise about $30,000 from private sources for Introductory Yiddish, Intermediate Yiddish, and Survey of Yiddish Literature classes.

For more information call Sylvia Lustgarten at 635-2883, ext. 155.

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Leisure Pleasures

By VIVIENNE MUHLING 422-2331

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Halifax Shabbaton draws 40 teens

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX –

It was only mid-winter but summer camp was on the minds of 40 teenagers attending a Shabbaton-Camp Kadimah rally in Halifax.

Youngsters from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia recalled the good days of summers past and looked forward to more of the same in 1993 while sharing a Jewish experience that happens all too infrequently in small communities.

"The highlight for all of us was to see the kids together in this atmosphere," said Jon Goldberg, regional program co-ordinator of the Atlantic Jewish Council (AJC). "It was geared to be a chevra experience and it was."

Organized by the AJC, Canadian Young Judea and Camp Kadimah, the rally kicked off with a Shabbat dinner at Beth Israel Synagogue. Led by the shul's rabbi, Oren Ismailoff, the youngsters participated in discussions of Jewish teen values. Saturday's post-service Kiddush was followed by another discussion period.

Saturday evening was time to party with a Karaoke and pizza night. Camp Kadimah director Sheldon Cohen, a Glace Bay native now teaching in Montreal, joined the group as did camp assistant director and programming head Mike Suberman of Toronto and assistant director and scouting and tripping co-ordinator Bill Chernin of Halifax.

Rally held

Sunday, a rally for all past and potential campers, ages seven and up, attracted more than 100 children and parents. A slide show of past Kadimah summers was greeted with enthusiasm. Prospective camp parents had an opportunity to meet with Cohen, who is entering his 13th consecutive year as director, and members of the camp's board of directors.

"The turnout Sunday was exceptional," said Goldberg. "We're disappointed there was not more participants from other communities in the region but this was a beginning. We can build and improve for next year."

Camp Kadimah, in Barss Corner, N.S., is entering its 50th summer serving the Atlantic, and now North American, Jewish community. Plans are well underway for a 50th reunion, to take place July 30-August 1.

Co-chairs Gloria and Steven Pink have received more than 800 indications of interest from past Kadimahites and expect a registration of more than 700 for the reunion.

Responses have been received from Israel, Australia, Europe, many areas of the United States as well as Canada from coast to coast.

"What started as a small camp in 1943, with maybe 100 people from the Maritime provinces attending, has expanded to a camp of 225 children and 75 staff from as far away as Florida, Arizona and western Canada," said Pink.

"In their correspondence to us, people have expressed tremendous enthusiasm about returning to see what Kadimah is like many years after they have been there."

And in another 50 years, those attending the 1993 rally in Halifax will look forward, with the same excitement to the 100th anniversary of a camp that has been a great unifying force for the Atlantic Jewish community.

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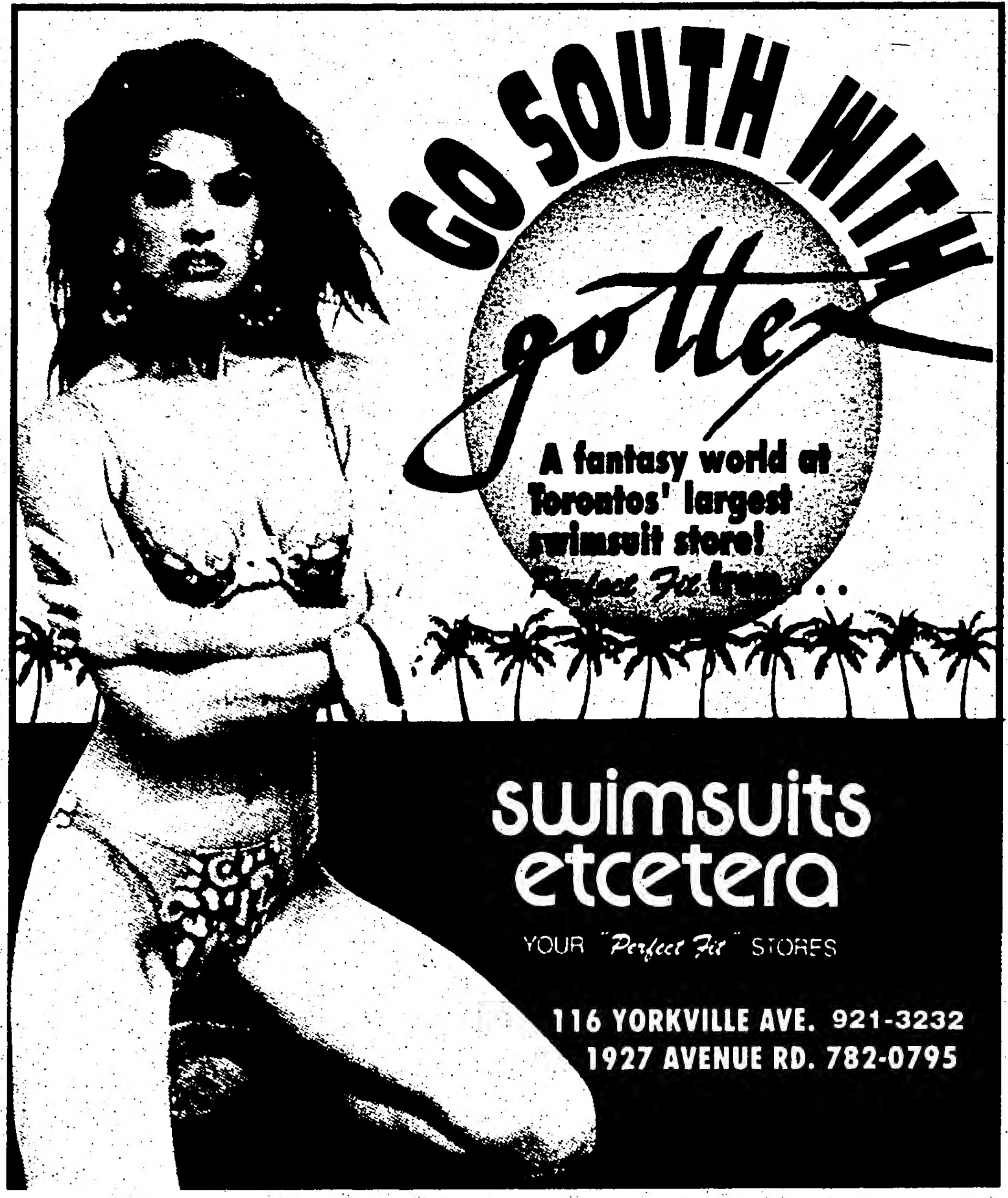
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"Lida is a contemporary, fashion-forward designer. But at the same time, there's a no nonsense quality to her work," explains Gail Hamilton, vice-president of promotion and advertising for the McCall Pattern Company. "Our upscale pattern business has been growing. So it makes sense for us to launch a new designer such as Lida Baday."

The McCall Pattern Company felt Baday's simple, elegant designs were perfect for the more experienced, fashion conscious home sewer who appreciates fine quality fabrics and detail, but doesn't want to spend a year sewing a particular look, adds Hamilton.

For Baday, herself, the inclusion of her clothes in the McCall's Patterns fall book brings her design to an entirely new market. "I feel that the home sewer is a very different customer from my usual retail ready-to-wear client and that is very satisfying," she says.

The Lida Baday Collection for McCall's Patterns brings top fashion looks such as the long slim skirt, the elongated, shapely jacket and the hooded swing coat to the home sewer. Her designs make up two pattern packages, each including three styles.

Baday's hooded swing coat in a 3/4-length or a shorter, hip-length jacket proportion comes with two coordinate possibilities — a slim, short skirt or a slim pant. Her five-button, nipped waist jacket with elegantly curved collar and cuff and a chain belt is shown with the option of a long, back-pleated skirt or a shorter, flirty, flared-hem skirt.

Look to future McCall's Catalogues for additional designs by Lida Baday.

Designer Lida Baday joins McCalls Pattern's line-up.

Baggy jeans by Joe Bloggs

By RANDI DRUZIN

The British sent us the Beatles, Twiggy, punk rock and, more recently, Joe Bloggs.

British trends have influenced our popular culture since the British music invasion of the 1960s, so who's surprised that England's Joe Bloggs jeans are now the rage with Canadian teenagers?

Not Pamela Van Gelder, who discovered the jeans on a trip to her native country two years ago. "I saw a lot of young people wearing these incredibly baggy jeans in London," she says. "I had never seen anything like them before, but I knew teenagers here would like them."

Van Gelder was so confident she could sell the novel jeans here, she quickly secured the sole licence to wholesale the entire Joe Bloggs line in Canada.

The jeans are now selling in stores in Western Canada and throughout the Metropolitan Toronto area, including Brit's It in Markville Shopping Centre, two Oggi Jeans outlets downtown, Fixx Trend Clothing in North York, Blue Rag in Yorkdale, Cyrus K downtown, and two Wallstreet outlets, one at Fairview Mall and the other in Mississauga.

"Teenagers travel through Europe and want the styles they see there," Van Gelder says, explaining why the jeans have become so popular here. "And Joe Bloggs is all the rage in Britain right now."

The baggy jeans, which are made and styled in Manchester, England, feature extremely large pant legs that are anywhere between 19 to 25 inches wide. (A standard pant leg is about 13 inches wide). Washes, colors and decorative designs change from season to season, says Van Gelder, but the quality is always good.

"Joe Bloggs jeans are more durable than most," Van Gelder says, adding that the weight of the jeans' denim is 14 ounces, compared to the 12 to 13 ounces common among other makes.

In addition to jeans, Joe Bloggs also features boldly-colored sweatshirts and T-shirts.

"It's been very exciting to see Joe Bloggs take off in Canada," says Van Gelder. "Things have gone so well, I'm considering importing other lines of clothing from Britain."

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In synch with the prevailing attitudes of style; innerwear as outerwear; less is more; form and fit, are the ready-to-wear designs of Toronto designer Zita Harper.

Best known for Waterworks and Azure, her innovative swimwear lines, Harper dives into a collection of stretch day and eveningwear that scores a 10 across the board.

Well-seasoned in the use of stretch from her 15-year tenure in the swimwear industry this award winning designer has come full circle. From as far back as her design school days, Harper was involved in a "think tank" sponsored by Du Pont (the major manufacturer of stretch yarns) that encouraged students to use stretch fabrics as outerwear.

Today, she is expanding her five-year old business to incorporate this early interest, with a collection that spans both work and play.

An essential collection, as fitting for a diva as the girl next door, this grouping gives a woman those just great pieces she needs, and doesn't know how she could have lived without. It is a wardrobe for the times, with building blocks to construct a wardrobe from work-a-day to evening, elements that work as easily with a pair of jeans or stand on their own. In sum, an equation of uncomplicated ease of dressing with sultry, sophistication and a maximum of style.

The 33-piece collection of thong bodies, fit and flare dresses, svelte stirrups and racy bombers employs exclusive, imported fabrics from Europe and the U.S. of the finest finish and hand.

Luxe jewel-toned stretch velvets in ruby, jade, orchid, black, and rose, vie for attention with rainbow iridescent wave patterns, gold-printed velvet, fishnet, cotton lycra and mesh, ruched net, stretch lame, tulle, and soft georgette.

A collection of clothing that gives the consumer an "import product at a domestic price point," garments range in price from $75 for a sexy French cupped bra to $395 for an elegant rose embroidered mesh and velvet evening dress.

Incorporating the British-trained designer's wizardry with the ready-to-wear fabrics of this generation there is an attention to detail that has always been the Harper's forte. Fittingly, the tricks of the swimwear trade that require a knowledge of how best to flatter a woman's form are consistently applied.

Construction is key: seamstresses in Harper's company have anywhere between 15 to 20 years of experience in working with stretch fabrics; inher linings for garments are of nylon lycra, so as the outer shell moves so does the inner; the more flattering French cup is employed; bra cups are lined in satin; bra liners are incorporated for stability and a better fit across the bustline; strapless dresses are held with velvet covered bones; silicon lines the seam of pants to give more definition. All garments are sized in an easy fitting small, medium and large.

The collection is available in major department stores and specialty boutiques throughout Ontario, Vancouver and Alberta.

Zita Harper introduces innovative stretch fabric into her daywear collection.

Valentine's Day fundraising gala

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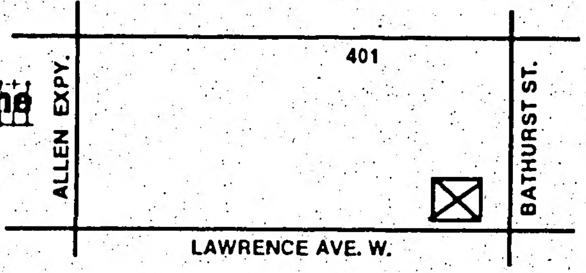
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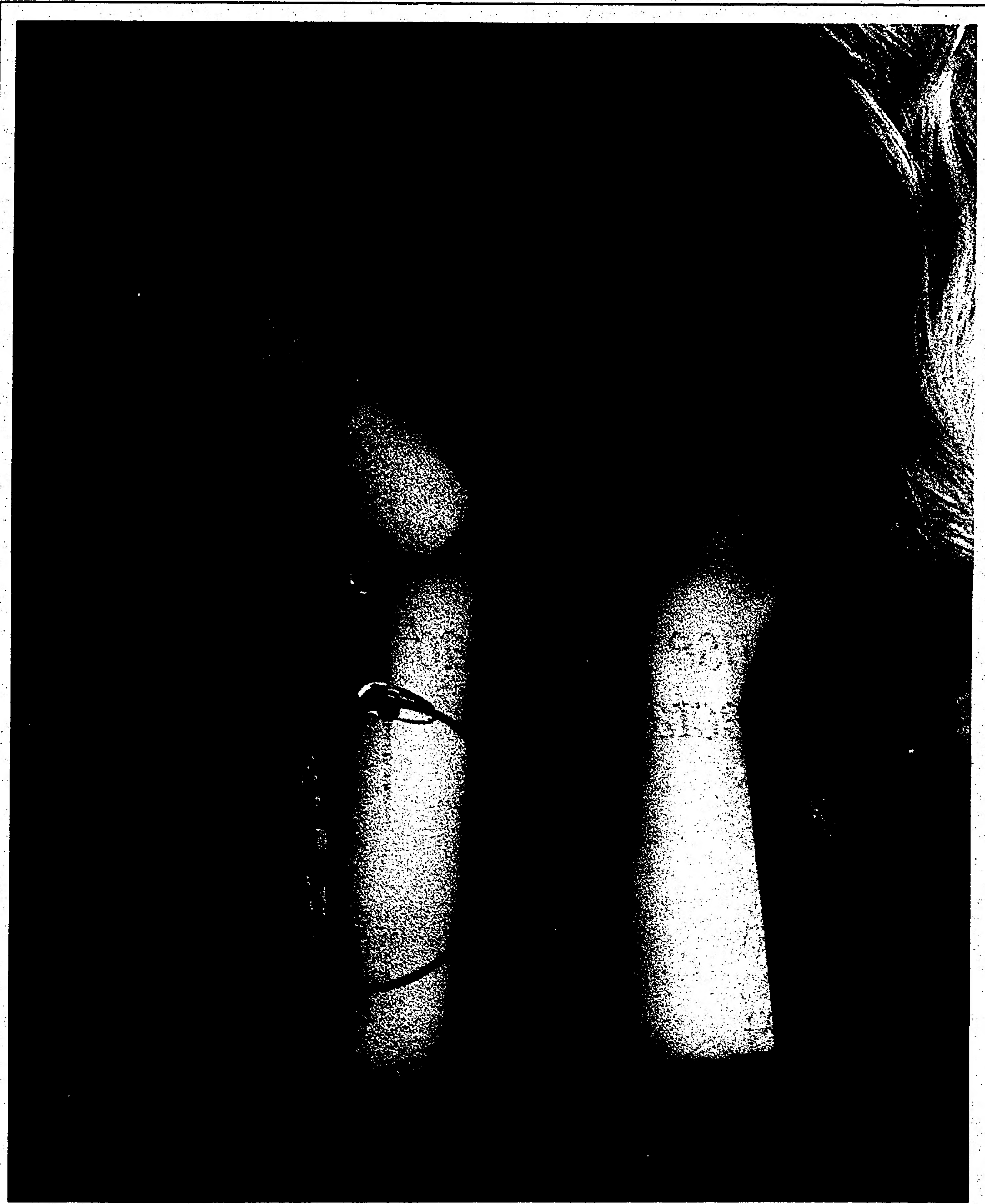

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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Feb. 11 is deadline for Feb. 25 issue and Thursday, Feb. 18 is deadline for March 4 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Friday, Feb. 12

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A Red Cross blood donor clinic is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12 at Richmond Hill High School, 51 Wright St.

Saturday, Feb. 13

ART AUCTION AT SOLEL

Solel Congregation, 2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga, is having an art auction on Saturday, Feb. 13. Wine and cheese preview, 7 p.m. Auction, 8 p.m. Tickets, available in advance by calling 761-7116, are $14, or $15 at the door. Refreshments and door prize. Proceeds to Foodpass (Mississauga's food bank) and Solel Congregation.

BETH ZION, OSHAWA

Are the Jews an Endangered Species? will examine assimilation, when **Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz,** former executive director, Canadian Jewish Congress, lectures 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at Beth Zion Congregation, 144 King St. E. in Oshawa. For more information call 723-2353.

FAMILY MONTE CARLO NIGHT

On Saturday, Feb. 13, Beth Sholom Youth, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., presents a family havdalah service followed by a family Monte Carlo night featuring "the wildest auction in town -" special silent auction, and children's auction with free prizes, plus a light dinner. Service is at 6:30 p.m. and Monte Carlo follows. Cost is $10 adults, $6, children under 12. RSVP to the synagogue office, 783-6103.

Sunday, Feb. 14

PNAI MEETING

Selma Sage, York University professor of biblical history and literature, will reveal The Loveliest of Love Stories from the Bible, at a meeting of PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST LECTURES

Holy Blossom Breakfast Lectures embarks on a new series, Sex, Drugs and Alcohol, Sunday, Feb. 14. **Dave King,** president of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) will give a video presentation and talk, to promote awareness of teenage drunk driving problems. Everyone welcome. Services 9 a.m. Breakfast follows.

VALENTINE'S DAY, HALLOWEEN...

Beth Tikvah Men's Club, 3080 Bayview Ave., invites the community to it next breakfast meeting Sunday, Feb. 14. Services 9 a.m., breakfast 9:45, speaker, 10: 15. Guest speaker will will be the shul's own **Rabbi Wayne Allen,** who will explore Valentine's Day, Halloween and the Jews. Come enjoy the warmth of Beth Tikvah Sunday morning services, the rabbi's insight and the "best breakfast in town," for just $5.

YUK YUK'S COMEDY NIGHT

New Leadership of Beit Halochem (Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel), invites you to a comedy night at Yuk Yuk's Downtown, 1280 Bay St., followed by a party, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. Admission: $15 in advance, $20 at the door. For tickets, call 488-7649. All proceeds go to equip the new rehabilitation centre in Jerusalem.

COUPLES OVER 40 PLUS

Couples Over 40 Plus is open to new members for the next three months. Join the group at its next meeting, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, for a speaker, refreshments and socializing. For further information call **Sylvia,** 782-9588 or **Norma,** 225-4199.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Aish Hatorah outreach director, **Rabbi Mitch Mandell,** considers the question, Why Be Jewish? when Shaarei Shomayim Breakfast Club meets at the shul, 470 Glencairn Ave., Sunday, Feb. 14. Services 9 a.m. Breakfast follows.

BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

Canadian Zionist Federation public speaking contest will highlight Beth Tzedec Men's Club meeting, Sunday, Feb. 14. Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. (nominal charge); program, 10 a.m. (no charge). Everyone welcome.

CAMP SHOMRIA OPEN HOUSE

Camp Shomria presents an open house on Sunday, Feb. 14, 3:15 to 5 p.m. hosted by Ruth and Lipa Roth and Esther and Howard Camber at the Bloor 'Y,' 750 Spadina Avenue (Spadina and Bloor). For information call 736-1339.

Monday, Feb. 15

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Sovereignty in Jewish LIfe, a joint winter study program featuring **Dr. Arnold Ages,** sponsored by the continuing education committees, Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, continues 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at Adath Israel, 37 Southbourne Ave.

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SHAAR SHALOM ADULT EDUCATION

Shaar Shalom Synagogue Adult Education presents the first in a two-part seminar on the Middle East to be given by historian/author **Morton Manilla,** at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd. Monday, February 15, when he will probe The Middle East Peace Process. Session starts promptly at 8 p.m. Call 889-4975 for information.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

PRE-PASSOVER EVENT

Kashruth Council of Toronto sponsors a pre-Passover discussion and cooking demonstration with **Esther Schwartz** and **Vivian Anhang,** Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. Cost is $15. For registration and details, call 635-9550.

HILLEL CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

Hillel Children's Workshop continues its adult discussion topics 10:45 a.m. Tuesday Feb. 16 in room 524 of New College, 40 Willcocks St., when **The Right Reverend Edward Synan** discusses The Pope and the Jews, a description of recent discussions within the Vatican council. Open to the public. Call **Bob Katz,** 929-3537, for further information.

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

On Tuesday, Feb. 16 The Toronto Jewish Film Society opens its 1993 season with *Bonjour! Shalom!* a warm-hearted documentary which allows the viewer to enter the intimacy of the chassidic world of Outremont, Quebec, where the ultra-religious live side by side with francophones. The screening takes place at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Doors open at 7 p.m. screening, 7:30. Single tickets $7, at the door.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will focus on the Book of Kings I, Chapter XIV with **Rabbi Pinchas Tessler,** at 8:15 Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

KABBALAH COURSE

Kabbalah, a six-week course with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin,** continues 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17 with Bikur: Elevating the Broken Vessels, at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd. Thornhill. No charge. To inquire/enroll, call 886-0420.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER

Author and professor **Dr. Paula J. Caplan,** will speak on her book *Don't Blame Mother: Mending the Mother-Daughter Relationship,* 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Holy Blossom Temple. Caplan has appeared on such shows as *Donahue, Oprah, Dini Petti* and *Canada A.M.* Members free. Non-members, $5. Sponsored by sisterhood and The Department for Jewish Living.

SPANISH JEWRY SERIES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's Spanish Jewry lecture series continues with Social and Religious Trends in 13th Century Spain, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb.17 at the shul, 100 Elder St. Everyone welcome. For information call 633-3838.

Thursday, Feb. 18

EUROPA, EUROPA

Beth Sholom Sisterhood and adult education committee, present the movie *Europa, Europa,* followed by a discussion with **Heather Kasell,** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., Admission $8. Refreshments. Everyone welcome.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

HOST NEWCOMERS AT YOUR SEDER

Can you find space at your seder table? The community integration program, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre, are seeking families who would like to host recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union or Sarajevo at a seder, April 5 or 6. If you would like to share with guests and partake of a Pesach mitzvah, please call **Trudy Shecter,** 631-5680 for more information.

MUSICAL TRIBUTE

Composer Oskar Morawetz' *Tribute to Martin Luther King,* written in 1968 at the time of the civil rights leader's assassination, was performed recently by cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the Toronto Symphony, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of King's death. Morawetz is seen here with King's daughter, Yolanda, at a previous performance of the work.

MEZUZAH AWARENESS MONTH

Why is a mezuzah like a car? This rhetorical question is used to alert the public that a mezuzah, like a car, needs maintenance. While most Jewish homes have mezuzot, many don't meet even the minimum standard. A mezuzah must be written on parchment by a certified scribe. Chabad Lubavitch has declared February Mezuzah Awareness Month and will offer (when needed) below-cost discounts on mezuzot and "checking." Cases are free of charge for everyone. Proper posting of the mezuzot will also be provided. To inquire further and/or arrange for a check, call 731-7000.

JEWISH HISTORY AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

Rabbi Moshe Stern has resumed his lecture series on Jewish History, 8 p.m. Tuesday nights at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Everyone is cordially invited.

VOLUNTEER FOR REENA

REENA, which helps developmentally handicapped people conduct their lives in a meaningful manner, is seeking PAL-unteers to work one-on-one with a client, teaching such values as trust, friendship and caring. As well, home-buddies to visit and help out in REENA group homes are needed. Urgently needed are male positive role models to spend quality leisure time with developmentally handicapped persons, plus volunteers with good office skills. For details, please contact **Arlene Margolese,** 787-0131.

THORNHILL BB COUPLES LODGE

Thornhill Lodge, B'nai Brith, a vibrant couples group, welcomes new members. This is a friendly active group which plans adult and family functions, barbecues, Purim and Chanukah parties, car rallies, lectures, movie nights, plus real involvement in BBYO, with a good dash of Yiddishkeit. For more information call **Wayne** and **Joni,** 739-6378 or **Paul** and Barby, 886-3863.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Celebrate 25 years of Israeli Folk Dancing at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m. to ???, Saturday, Feb. 20, main dance studio, first floor. Dance, dance dance! Surprises, refreshments. Cost $5. For additional information contact **Teme,** 636-1880 ext. 364.

BROTHERHOOD/SISTERHOOD WEEK

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week is Feb. 14-22. The Canadian Council of Christians and Jews will hold a number of events during this week. On Sunday, Feb. 21, three films will be shown at Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario, *Get Thee Out,* 1:30 p.m.; **Le Corbeau (The Raven),** 3:30 p.m. and *Lacombe, Lucien,* 5:30 p.m. On Monday, Feb. 22, **E. Roosevelt Thomas Jr.,** will speak to the Canadian Club on Managing Diversity in the Workplace. For more information on events, call 364-3101.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Co-Dependents Anonymous, under the auspices of Jewish Recovery Network (JRN), is a 12-step group for those who want to maintain functional and healthy relationships. Weekly meetings are held 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Blossom Temple. For more information about this group and other JRN activities, call 225-0547.

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FASCIST FILM AND THE HOLOCAUST

An evening of film with riveting speaker, York University professor **Florence Jacobowitz,** is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. To be shown and discussed are *Testament of the Wills*, (a propaganda film made for **Hitler**) and *Night and Fog* (a sensitive contrast). The program is sponsored by the Kerzner Endowment for Holocaust Studies.

JEWISH FAMILY and CHILD SERVICE

Jewish Family and Child Service workshops include: 1. Parenting Your Pre-Teen, ages 10-12 (begins Feb. 22); 2. Widows/Widowers, a series to discuss the grieving process, living alone and changing relationships (begins Feb. 24, afternoons); 3. Single Parent Challenge (begins Feb. 11). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800.

TORCH SONG TRILOGY

A production of **Harvey Fierstein's** *Torch Song Trilogy* is set for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 in the Joseph Workman Auditorium, 1001 Queen St. W. (at Ossington). Free parking. This is a benefit performance for Congregation Keshet Shalom. Tickets, general admission $15. Members, seniors, students, $12. To reserve, call 925-1408.

ENGAGED COUPLES BRUNCH

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., invites all engaged couples to brunch at noon, Sunday, Feb. 28, when a family life educator from Jewish Family and Child Service who has expertise in pre-marital and marital counselling, will be present. For information, call **Debbie Dash,** 633-5500.

STEPPING IN

Become part of an innovative volunteer project that will enhance the quality of life for a person with Alzheimer's disease. As a STEPPING IN volunteer, you will help someone with Alzheimer's in his/her home and provide a valuable service that will maximize the person's potential, helping him/her to remain at home as long as posible. Training provided. For details, please call **Arnold Foss** at Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly), 635-2860.

DISCOVERY SEMINAR

Discovery, a thought-provoking, entertaining seminar presented by Aish HaTorah in conjunction with Kehillat Shaarei Torah, begins Saturday evening, Feb. 13 and continues through Sunday Feb. 14, at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. The program is for Jewish men and women of all ages who are short on time but long on curiosity, who have a sophisticated secular education but limited background in Jewish studies. Cost, including refreshments, is $65. Babysitting provided on request. Limited seating. For more information or to register, phone 636-7530.

OHR SOMAYACH THORNHILL

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach Thornhill, offers a class, Exploring the Parsha, 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings in the main hall of Ohr Somayach/JEP, 613 Clark Ave. W. Open to the public. No charge.

On Wednesday evenings, Rabbi Becher will conduct a class in *The Kuzari*, (classic book of Jewish philosophy), 8:30, at Shomrei Shabbos Congregation, 585 Glengrove Ave. This is for women of the Jewish community.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On Thursday, Feb. 18, from 4:15-8 p.m., the Jewish Educators Assembly, Canada region, holds its Professional Development Evening for teachers in Conservative Jewish schools. Workshops, dinner and keynote address will be at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Keynote speaker, **Dr. Miriam Klein Shapiro,** will discuss The Conservative Movement and the Jewish Family: What is the Educator's Role? All teachers and lay persons interested in Jewish education are invited. For advance reservations, call **Pnina Spetgang,** 635-2883 ext. 144.

at the JCC

Spaces are still available in the following classes at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art, 4588 Bathurst St. Mixed Media Art for Children, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-11:15 p.m. or 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Drawing and Painting for Teens, Thursdays, 4:45-6:45 p.m. Life Drawing with a Model, Fridays, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. or 12:45-3:45 p.m. For additional information call 636-1880 ext 269 or 636-2145. Register now as spaces are limited.

Beat the February blahs! The Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., is offering a special 25 percent discount on children and adult group swimming lessons. Sessions start Monday, Feb. 15 and 16. Register now. To inquire further contact **Frances Fraser,** 924-6211. The Bloor Y is also running a special on the next scuba course starting Feb. 16. Fee is reduced to $175 and this includes free fins, mask and snorkel - a total savings of over $200. Call 924-6211 for more information and to register.

Jiu-jitsu classes at the Bloor Y are conducted 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 1-3 p.m. Saturdays. For further information contact **Shawn Rodie,** 960-8760.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors Club holds a Saturday Dance, 7-10 p.m. in the clubhouse, Feb. 13. Members free, non-members $1. Dance to a live band 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 in the Community Centre. Cost is $3 members, $4 non-members. The movie, *African Queen*, with **Humphrey Bogart** and **Katharine Hepburn,** will be shown 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17 in the clubhouse. Reserve ahead for a day trip (members only), $5 per person, departs 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 from Earl Bales Community Centre, to go to Metropolitan Toronto Police Headquarters and Catchco Sportswear. Tickets available in office. Ongoing programs continue. For information, call 395-7881 Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Learning Experiences welcomes you to a travel show on Portugal with world traveller, photographer and producer of three television series, **Irwin Patterson,** 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., in the Seniors Lounge. Join in and travel free! To inquire further, call **Teme,** 636-1880 ext. 364.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club** has postponed its Israel Purim trip. The group's ongoing programs begin shortly, including a new discussion group. And, it's time to consider day trips: May 14, the ballet *Romeo and Juliet;* June 9, the musical *Oliver;* July 22, *Damn Yankees*; Aug. 12 *Anything Goes*. For details on trips and activities, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923.

Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

For a memorable evening, join Beth Tikvah Friendship Group 55 Plus, for an audio-visual presentation on The Journey to a Vanished World, by **Martha Shem-Tov,** one of the "hidden children," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. For more information call **Shula,** 493-7453 or **Shirley,** 665-3648. Everyone welcome. Members free. Non-members $3.

On Thursday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m., join the Bloor Y **Good Age Club,** 750 Spadina Ave., for *A Bintel Brief* (letters to the editor). Refreshments. Cost, $1. For more information call **Luni,** 924-6211.

Senior classes at the Bloor Y Branch, sponsored by the Toronto Board of Education include, Mondays, Bridge, 1-3:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, Fitness, 1-2 p.m.; Tuesdays, Current Events, 2:15 - 4:15 pm.; Wednesdays, Knitting, 10 a.m.-noon, Folk Dancing, 1-2 p.m. Classes are ongoing and completely free of charge to seniors.

At the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave., enjoy Painting on Silk, 1-3 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 15, 22, March 1 and March 8 in the creative arts room. Small fee for materials. To inquire further, call **Janet Page,** 789-5131 ext. 2929.

And, come out to a concert with **The Bubbies and Zaidies** at the Wagman Centre, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. **Ballet Jorgen** performs in the assembly room, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Meeting Room 2, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Programs include Tai Chi, painting, bingo, cards, discussion. For information call **Viola Landsman,** 886-2625.

Young At Heart Seniors are having a trip to Israel April 28-May 12. Included are extensive touring program especially for seniors with guides, full breakfast and dinner every day, plus surprises. Special price, $2,299 (Can). Stay longer, no extra flight charge. Everyone welcome. For information call **Helen,** 635-6343 or **Doreen,** 889-5669.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Free games on Feb. 15. Get your tickets now for the annual Purim party, to take place 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 in the B'nai Brith Building. Call 635-5604 or 782-9432.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli Cultural Club for Hebrew speaking adults meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join in all the interesting events. Slides of Toronto will be shown on Feb. 17. For more information call **Anna,** 225-2112.

Dance to the exciting music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

The movie, ***Beaches,*** will be screened 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 in the synagogue. Members free, non-members $1.

It's a Valentine luncheon, Songs of Love, with **Peter May** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis,** 12 noon, Wednesday, Feb. 17. Tickets $7 each, at the information desk. Members only.

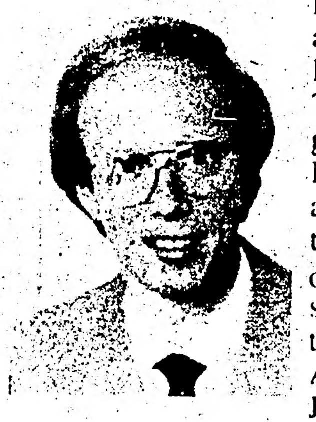
About People

TEMPLE KOL AMI BOARD

Temple Kol Ami board of directors for 1993 includes **David Troister,** president; **Barry Blostein,** vice president; **Peter Vanek,** secretary; **Pekka Sinervo,** treasurer; **Marty Strauss,** fundraising; **Karen Paikin,** education; **Susan Opatowski,** ritual; **Lori Levine,** festival; **Arlene Blostein,** social; **Barry Stein,** membership/communications; **Rob Warren,** chevra kadisha; **Wayne Haymer,** finance; **Steve Landau,** past president; **Nancy Wechsler;** rabbi.

NEW KADIMA PRESIDENT

Dr. Harvey Zimmerman, Toronto, has been elected to a two-year term as president of KADIMA-Canadian Council of Reform Zionists.



Harvey Zimmerman

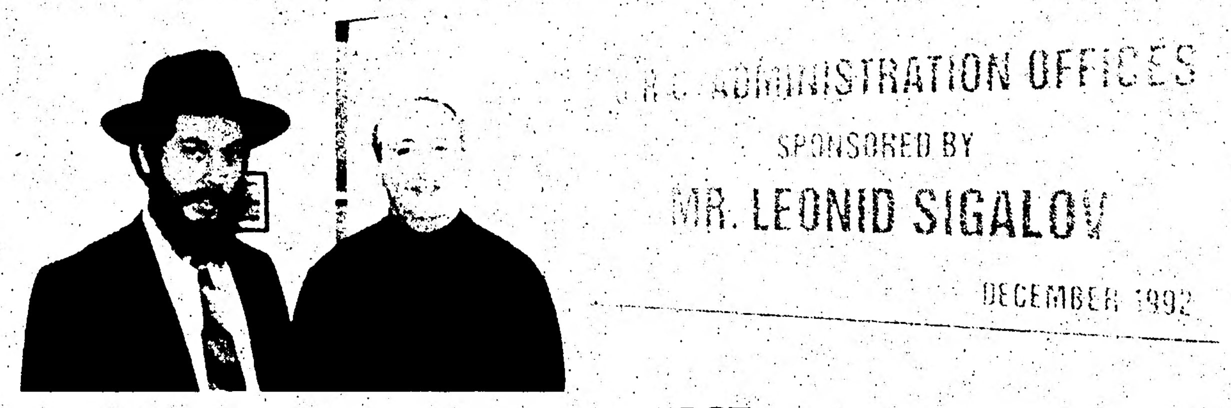
Dr. Zimmerman served as founding chair of Project Otzma for the Toronto Jewish Congress, chair of the New Leadership division, as a member of the executive, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and as a member of the Canadian Education Advisory Council to the Jewish Agency. He is currently on the executive of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress.

A past president of Temple Sinai, he is an executive member of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism and a member of the board of trustees, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Zimmerman practises family medicine in Toronto, where he lives with his wife **Shami.** They have a daughter, **Naomi** and a son, **Daniel.**

BAR-ON WELCOMED

Dr. Mordecai Bar-On, international president of the New Israel Fund, was welcomed to Toronto at an event held in the home of Dorothy and Irving Shoichet. From left are hostess Dorothy Shoichet; Bar-On; Helen Zukerman, vice-president, New Israel Fund of Canada; Marsha Slivka, director NIF of Canada; Erele Bar-On, wife of Bar-On; Maurice Green, Canadian president, NIF.



NEW OFFICE

The new Jewish Russian Community Centre administration offices, sponsored by Leonid Sigalov (right) seen here with Rabbi Yoseph Saltsman, are located at 5987 Bathurst St. The synagogue and all educational programs/classes, library and reception office, remain at 18 Rockford Rd., Willowdale.

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Home Decor

Through the looking glass

By MARLA KAY

Increasingly, we find evidence of glass being incorporated within the home as an integral part of the interior design. No longer is it limited to front entry applications in sidelights and transoms. Glass has entered the home and we find it installed as dividers between kitchens and dining areas, dining and living rooms, bath and dressing rooms. As enclosures, glass can be found in stairwells, showers and saunas.

Window treatments are no longer limited to a total stained glass resolution of the opening. Glass elements are often incorporated within a window treatment as shutters running the full height or as panels mounted and stabilized by chains to give the appearance of floating.

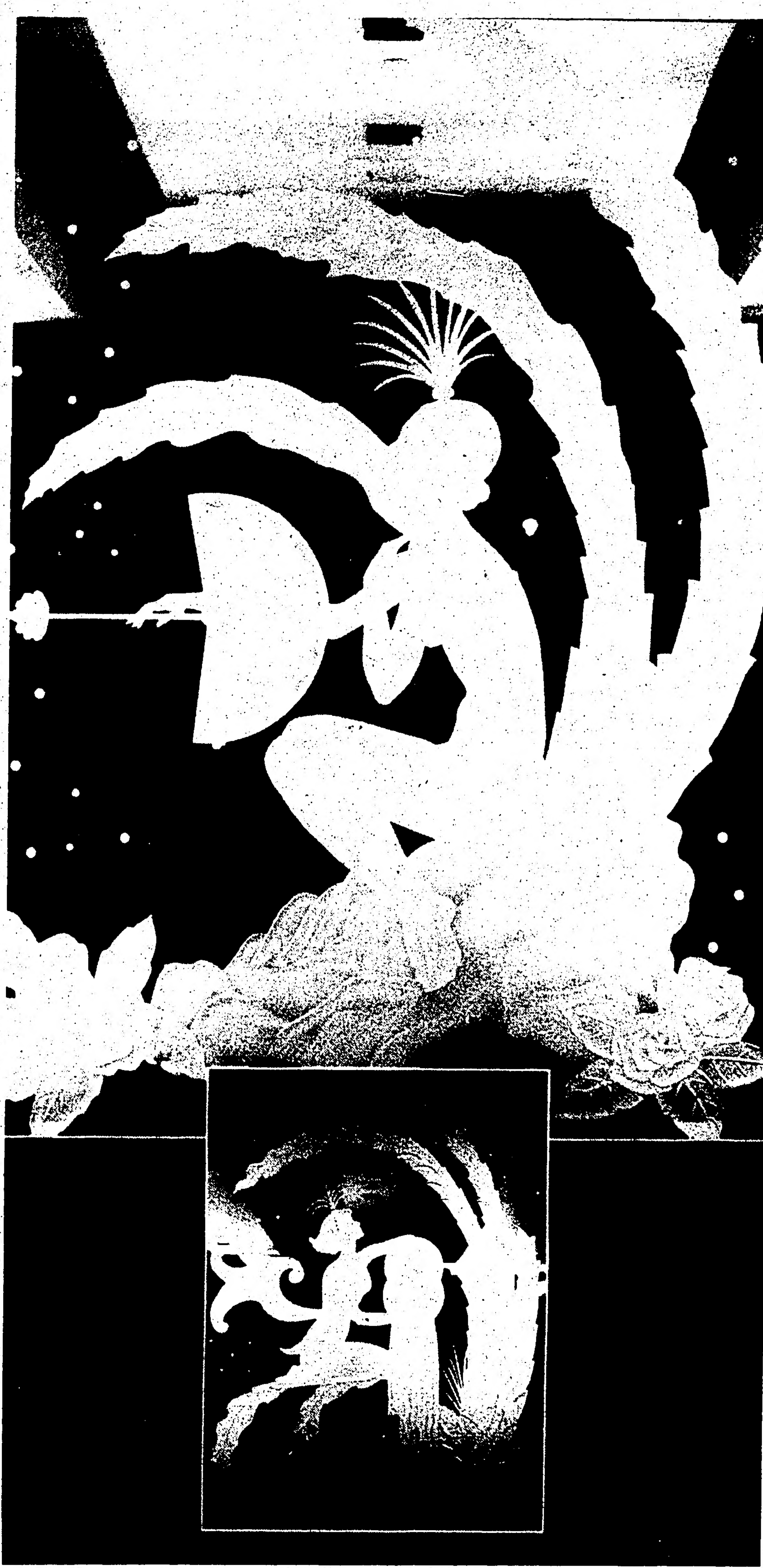
Ambient lighting

"For interior doors," says Jeff Freedman, owner-designer of Classic Crystal Decorative Glass located near Steeles Avenue and Keele Street, "glass has been incorporated employing pronounced textures where privacy is desired, and less where the necessity for privacy is not essential.

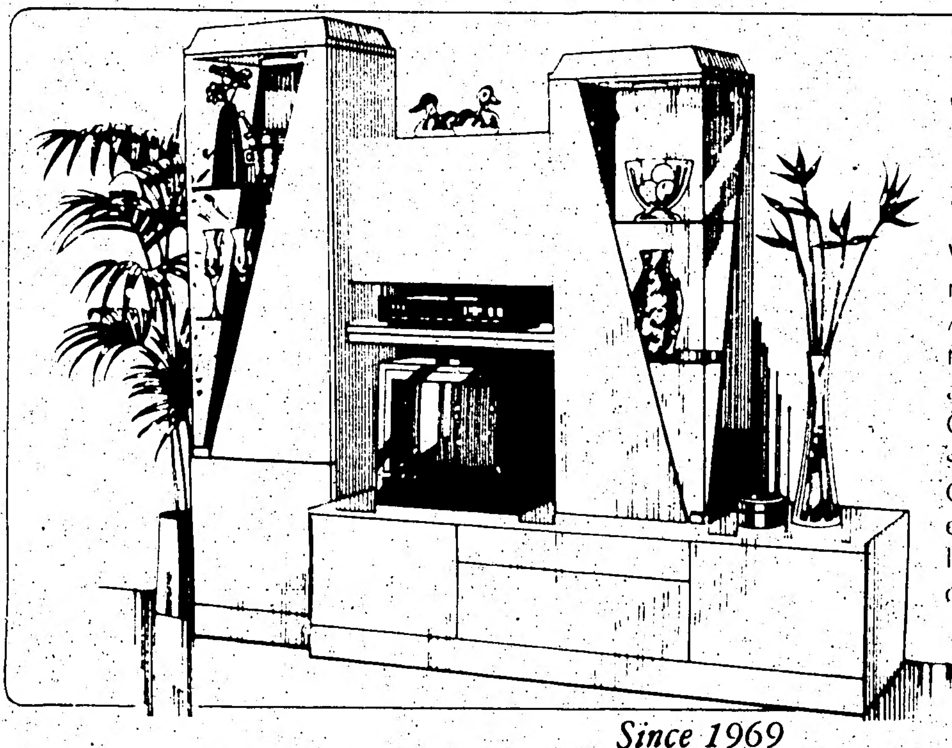
"We have utilized traditional as well as contemporary forms; bevels, emaille, opals, antique, mechanical, opalume and pattern glasses of varying degrees of transparency and translucency for transmitted light and opacity for reflected lighting in accomodation of the ambient lighting which prevails in most homes."

Although stained glass has for years been utilized in synagogues, libraries, hotel lobbies, restaurants and universities, it has to date been seen with little frequency in contemporary homes. Sandblasting, glass sculpting, painting and etching have moved away from the traditional Victorian design to a more abstract look.

"We have had numerous requests for glass-designed stairwells in recent years," states Freedman. "Uniquely designed inserts are incorporated into wood, brass or stainless steel handrails containing pickets or no pickets. The results have added elegance and richness to any home."



Designs by Classic Crystal Decorative Glass company.



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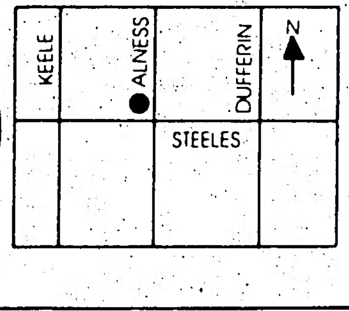

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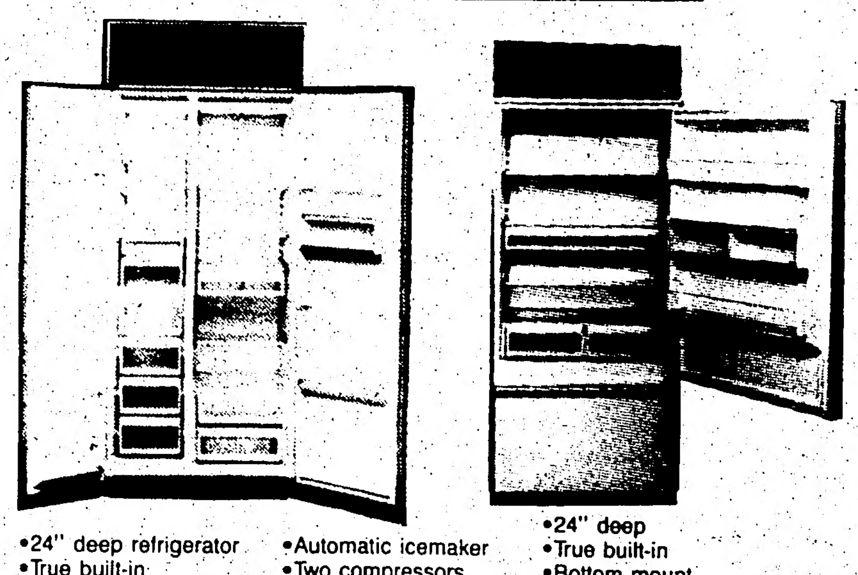

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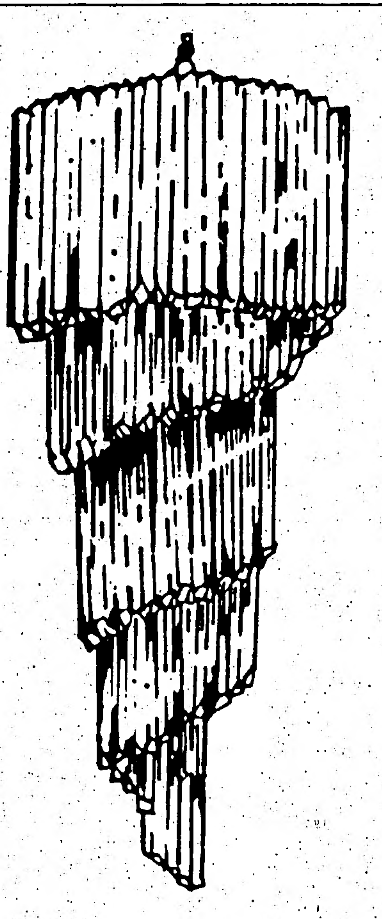

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Unique home decorating items

By DOROTHY LICHTBLAU

In 1981, Bonnie Bickle invested $60,000 in a store on Queen Street East in Toronto. As a consumer she had noticed "there was no place to shop" for unique home decorating products, so she filled the gap in the market. She called her store B.B. Bargoon's.

At first, Bickle was careful, kept a small inventory of wallpapers and home accessories and didn't introduce fabrics into the store until six months after it opened. Gradually she grew more confident; the business expanded.

In 1993, there are 19 B.B. Bargoon's stores, including one in Nova Scotia and 50 percent of the company is owned by Molson's Company Inc. Inventory and product lines have proliferated.

Evidently Bickle had been able to zero in on consumer wants. Walk into a B.B. Bargoon's and your senses feel rewarded. Colorful bolts of cloth and wallpaper cheer the eye, while pillows and chairs invite handling. Your idling imagination leaps up with enthusiasm to scheme about fulfilling a few fantasies. Very effective marketing. And not only are the products tempting, they are well-priced.

The retail company fulfills a definite market niche. It suits the needs of those who find decorators and custom-mades too high-priced, but don't want assembly-line goods.

Besides fabric, wallpaper and household accessories, the company sells drapery hardware, sewing patterns, pillow forms and other aids for the do-it-yourselfers. B.B.'s drapery and upholstery workrooms can custom craft items for clients.

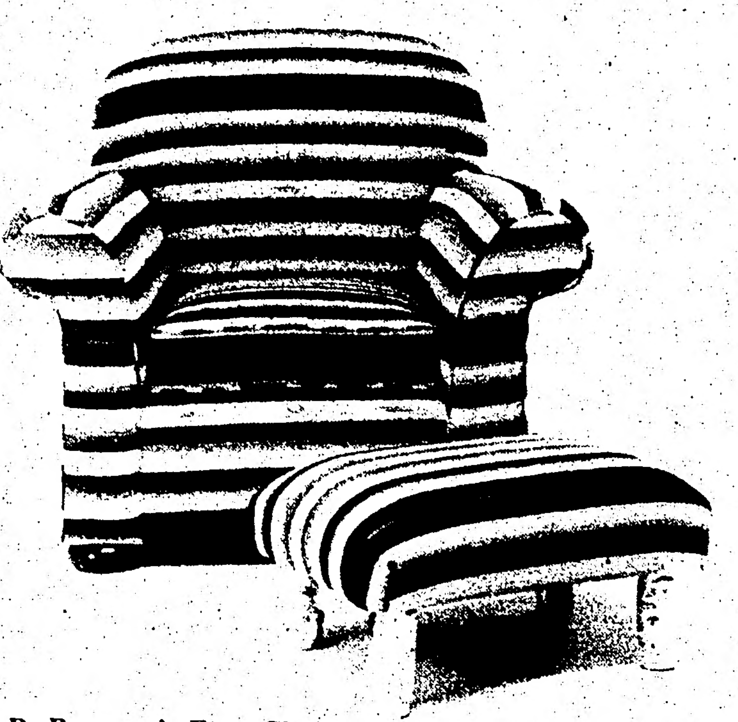
For the customer who wants assistance with decorating techniques B.B.'s has introduced the Get Started Kit, a lovely chintz bag full of helpful tools such as graph paper, measuring tape, an instant camera and work sheets.

To facilitate accessing information about matching fabrics, wallpapers and borders the company has assembled the Made to Match Book, an 87-page guide to manufacturers who provide cloth to match wallpaper patterns or vice versa. This isn't always an easy task since wallpaper and textiles are produced by different manufacturers and often not during the same time period.

Recently, in response to customers' time-saving needs, the firm introduced two new product lines. One is called All Ready Mades, which is a collection of window dressings and bed ensembles created from the company's most popular patterns, including florals, stripes, laces, and tone motifs. These can be mixed and matched with one another and with fabrics and wallpapers sold in the B.B.'s stores. Window dressing prices range from $18.95 to $149.95. Bed ensembles run from $199.95 to $449.95.

The company, also, now offers a furniture line which is composed of bergeres, easy chairs, wing chairs, sofas and love seats. The furniture boasts a custom-look since consumers chose the fabric for their purchase from the hundreds B.B. Bargoon's has in stock. Prices vary from $349 plus fabric for a wing chair to $1,030 plus fabric for a large sofa with a pull out bed.

The latest styles in the B.B. Bargoon's repertoire are Up North and Shabby Chic. The former reflects the hues and lines of Turkey, Mexico, the American Southwest and the Canadian Northland. The latter evokes the ambience of faded European elegance and glory.



B.B. Bargoon's Easy Chair upholstered in Ponderosa.

AS IS offers high-end furnishings

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

A Toronto designer paid $1,200 for an Italian-made rug and was astonished when he walked into the recently opened designers' clearance outlet AS IS and found the same one on sale for $337.50.

Located in the Toronto Design Centre on Pears Avenue, in the heart of Toronto's design neighborhood, AS IS offers a huge, generously discounted selection of high-end home furnishings. Included are rugs, planters, linens, quilted bedspreads, lamps, lampshades, couches, armories and home and office chairs.

The outlet carries ends of lines, floor samples and discontinued items — most of which are being made available to the public for the first time — from design showrooms, decorators and select manufacturers. The majority of these unique, high quality home furnishings can't be found anywhere else.

The merchandise in AS IS is priced to sell, says Karen Greenfield, who works in the store and manages the Toronto Design Centre. She explained that AS IS gets its stock on consignment, which keeps prices low, adding that some items are even sold below cost.

With such great prices, the stock turnover is high. "If you see something you like, you have to buy it, otherwise it will be gone," said Greenfield.

She recalled that recently a woman came in on a Saturday, unble to decide if she wanted to buy a lamp she had her eye on. The customer returned on Monday morning and discovered to her disappointment that the last lamp had been sold an hour before.

New merchandise arrives weekly to replenish the stock of this large store, which takes up 2,000 square feet. "People come in and they browse for an hour — there is so much to see," says Greenfield. "You can find anything, from a small bonsai tree to a porcelain monkey."

She said that AS IS has something for everyone who walks into the store, with prices ranging from $2 for a plate stand to $4,000 for a rug. The 10' 6" x 21' 6" rug, in cream needlepoint, regularly sells for $10,000. A Madison armchair with back and white upholstery, carrying a suggested retail price of $1,200, sells for $540. A sectional couch, with a $7,000 retail value, goes for $2,900. Antique Queen Anne chairs are offered for $405.

Lampshades, averaging $15 each, are popular items. One can change the look of a lamp or update it with a new shade, Greenfield pointed out.

She says the service at AS IS is more personalized than in a retail store. "We have allowed people to take arm covers and pillows from couches to see if they match something at home. The odd time we have let them take a chair home."

Knowledgeable staff are able to answer any questions the customers have about the merchandise in stock.

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This is a sample of the items that can be found at AS IS.

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Owners Nancy Perkins (right) and Joan Pape (middle), are shown here in their store helping a client.

Perkins & Pape: Beautiful furniture, beautifully priced

By LORI DENNIS

Two Toronto women are trying to reverse the popular trend of cross-border shopping for home decor.

Nancy Perkins and Joan Pape Cohen, owners of Perkins & Pape, a new furniture shop on Eglinton Avenue West, bubble with excitement as they explain how their store is the shop of the 90s — a place that offers high quality merchandise at considerably lower prices than customers would find anywhere in Canada or the U.S.

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How do they do it?

"The answer is quite simple," says Cohen. "We keep our overhead really low. Our 1,000 square foot store holds only samples — we don't stock any merchandise at all. We have a small warehouse to uncrate and inspect the merchandise and we have delivery people to service our customers. But because we are a shop-by-catalogue service we don't have the high overhead costs of inventory, storage and staff to pass on to our customers. This way, we keep our margins to a minimum," she explains.

"But it's important that people realize that we offer only the best. Our couches range from $1,500 to $5,000 and our armoirs are available from $1,500 to $6,000. We're not talking about inexpensive furniture here," says Perkins. "However, the same couch that you see in our shop for $2,500 is advertised in *House and Garden* for a great deal more."

"Our customers are people who know their furniture and their prices," Perkins says. "They've seen our merchandise elsewhere so that when they come to our store, they're eager to buy because they recognize the value immediately. In the short time we've been opened [since last November], we've attracted customers from the States, from Vancouver and from Thunder Bay."

Perkins, who has an MBA from the Wharton Business School and who grew up in New Jersey, met partner Cohen, a fine arts graduate with an advertising background when they worked together in the marketing department of a large financial institution. With 25 years experience between them preparing and evaluating business plans for others and with a desire to strike out on their own and have some fun, this stylishly attired forty something pair spent many hours brainstorming business ideas.

They worked on the premise that what Toronto needs is better pricing. They were intrigued by the success of warehouse sales offered by high quality retailers such as Ralph Lauren, Ashleys and the like. They noticed that people would line up for hours in the quest for high quality goods at bargain prices.

After doing a great deal of "grandmother research" where they bounced ideas off their friends and relatives, with a strong belief in the trend towards home life, cocooning and with a mutual interest in home decor — Cohen has renovated and decorated three homes of her own — they decided that "Beautiful furniture, beautifully priced" was to be their marketing concept.

Perkins & Pape is situated in what seems to be the new furniture strip at 365 Eglinton Ave. West and is surrounded by stores like Iron Age, Stone Trends and a Persian carpet store across the street. The store calls out for passers-by to come in and experience the setting. Customers are encouraged to sit on the couches, to linger and to browse.

With beautiful samples of couches upholstered in traditional damask and country prints, handpainted tables, iron chairs, mahogany chests, upholstered ottomans, wall tapestries, table runners, custom throws and other unique furnishings and accessories to enjoy, customers can rest assured that they are never shopping blindly. Here, they can see the quality and design of each manufacturer and feel confident in the pieces that they purchase.

"We want our customers to know that we practice what we preach. When we opened the store, we didn't have time to visit every supplier so we ordered our samples through the same catalogues that our customers do. We've since been to the huge furniture market in North Carolina where we literally spent six days sitting in, touching and looking at every piece we sell so that we could speak intelligently and knowledgeably about our wares. It was like being in a crash course at 'Furniture University'," says Cohen.

While neither Perkins nor Pape profess to be decorators, they will certainly spend time helping their customers make their selections or else happily recommend a decorator if that would make their client more comfortable. They are now in the process of designing a floor plan booklet to help their customers determine their room measurements and layouts so they can make more confident purchases.

And with the computer expertise of Perkins' husband, they are also in the throes of developing a very sophisticated inventory program to help them acess that perfect piece quickly as well as a customer database so that they will have all of their client's information and preference right at their fingertips.

In the short time they've been opened, business has been good. "On any given Saturday, it's so busy, you can't find a place to sit," says Perkins. During such tough economic times, they know they've taken a gamble but they really believe in their concept and their combined good taste.

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Designer targets office for the disabled

By DEBBIE HELLER

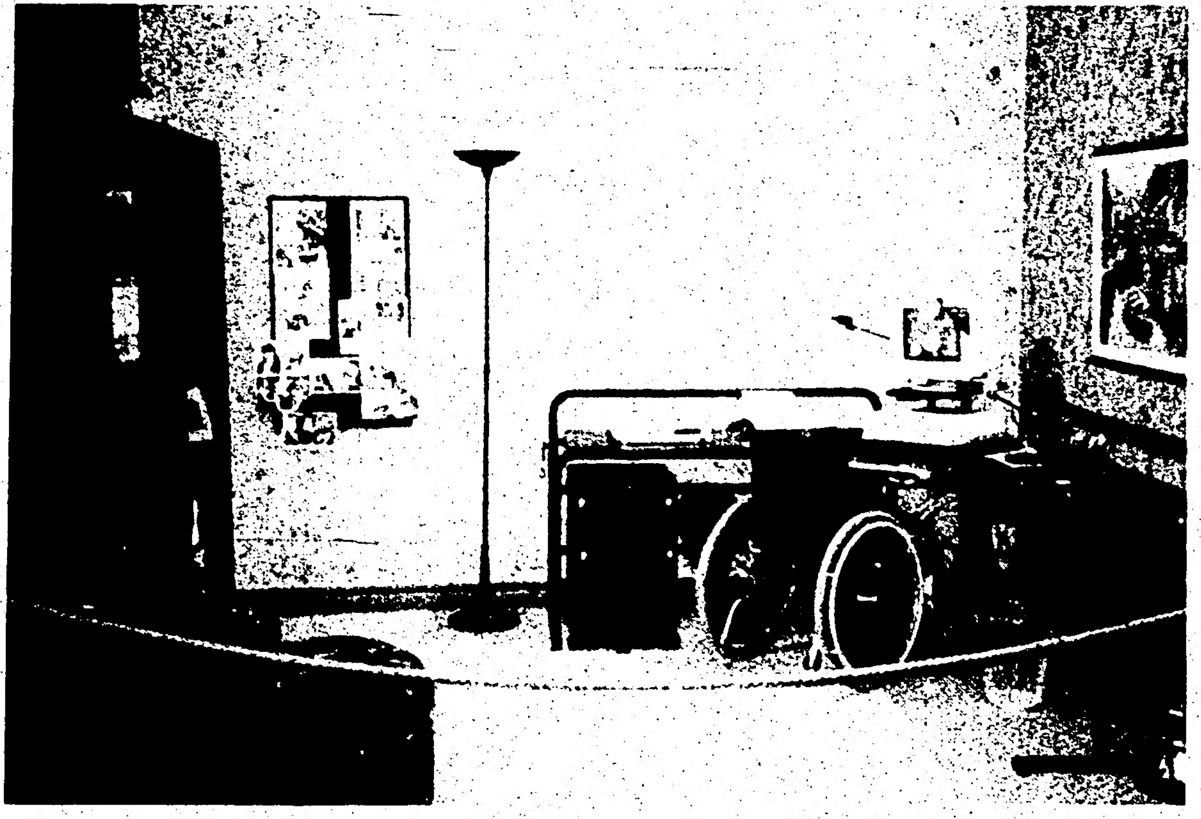
If you're tired of looking at the same old furniture, colors and accessories everyday and you really want a change, hiring a professional like Robyn Latchman Interior Design can actually save you a lot of time, frustration and money.

Here are some helpful tips that you should know prior to decorating or renovating your home or office: Hiring an interior designer will cost you either the same or less money than a decorator depending on the work requirements, time needed to complete the job and your budget. However there is a major difference between an interior designer and a decorator.

Just anyone can call themselves a decorator without having to go through any formal training, and even though they may be very talented when it comes to choosing colors, fabrics and furniture, you may encounter some unpleasant surprises. For instance, the beautiful furniture you just paid for may not fit through your front door. Or the selection of products which you are given to choose from may be limited because of the lack of resources available to the decorator.

An interior designer on the other hand, is required to complete a degree from a reputable school, where they are professionally trained to do everything from drafting technical plans for major renovations, architecture and the history of design, to the study of color, textiles and budget forecasting. They are also taught how to choose furniture and accessories as well as how to manipulate space and lighting.

Interior design students also learn how to research manufacturers, distributors, retailers and contractors for the various products and requirements that are needed to complete the project. But most important of all, they develop the necessary skills to work within guidelines and budgets, while making sure their clients needs are satisfied.



Easy access is a key feature in this setting that is designed to accommodate a wheelchair.

Robyn Latchman, an active member of the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) and owner of Robyn Latchman Interior Design recently spoke at the 1993 Metro Home Show, where she also exhibited a display of her most recent work and talent; a residential office space designed specifically to accommodate the needs of a disabled person who relies on the use of a wheel chair for mobility.

"It's really important for the client to feel comfortable and have confidence in the designer, just as it is equally important for the designer to really understand what the client wants and doesn't want. In most cases, it's almost as if you become a part of the family," says Latchman.

Latchman believes that it is unfair for a designer to walk into a client's home and tell them exactly what to throw away, keep and buy without being part of the decision making process, unless that's what the client wants.

"People come to me with problems that need to be solved, from re-furnishing old furniture, re-decorating a room, to designing a residential office place that can also be used for leisure. Every room should have a multi-functional purpose. I generally like to work with the client, because when the job is completed I leave, but it's your home...you have to like it and feel comfortable living in it," she says.

Lines of light

By DOROTHY LICHTBLAU

Shutters have been used as interior window treatments since 1485 and though contemporary shutters have evolved greatly, the reasons for incorporating them into your decor have remained valid for over 500 years.

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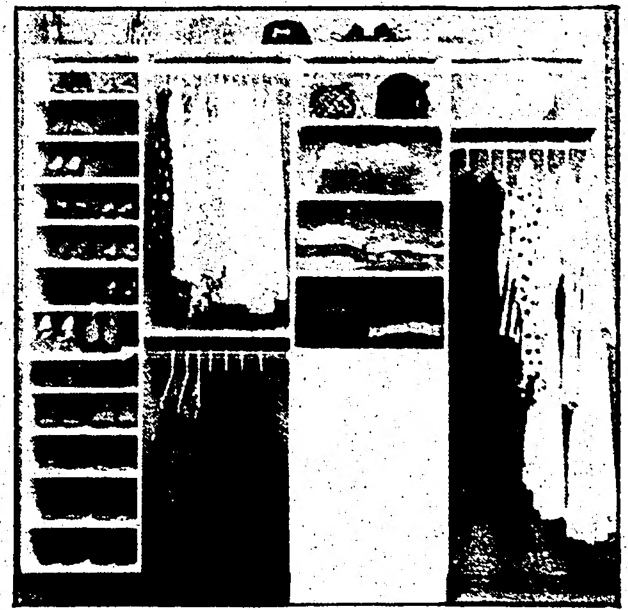
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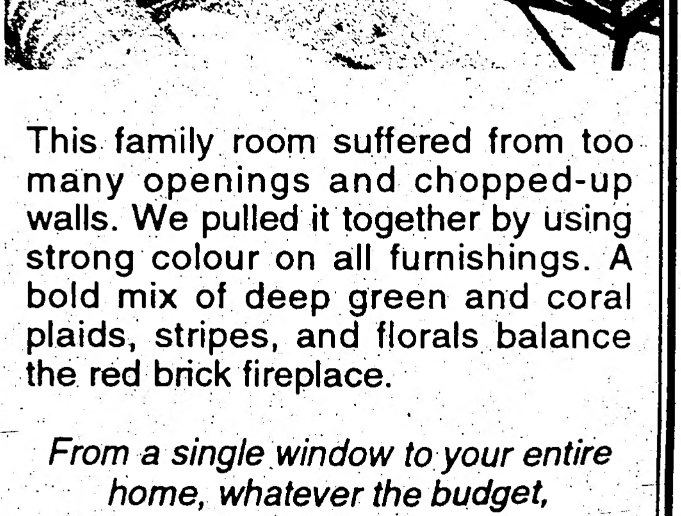
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Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Warsaw Jews starved

Courage Under Siege — Starvation, Disease & Death in the Warsaw Ghetto, by Charles G. Roland (Oxford University Press $42.00).

In November, 1940, the Nazi conquerors of Warsaw instituted a Jewish ghetto in a small quarter of the city. At its population peak it contained about 460,000 residents.

The unfortunate victims waged a losing battle against starvation, disease, humiliation and death. Starting in 1942, they were routinely dispatched to the death camp at Treblinka. Only a few thousand Polish Jews survived the war.

An underground courier recorded these impressions of the ghetto. "These were still living people, if you could call them such. Apart from their skin, eyes and voice there was nothing human left in these palpating figures. Everywhere there was hunger, misery . the atrocious stench of decomposing bodies, the pitiful moans of dying children, the desperate cries and gasps of a people struggling for life against impossible odds . The entire population of the ghetto seemed to be living in the street. There was hardly a square yard of empty space."

Despite such horrors, life, of a sort, went on. The victims developed their own institutions. These included theatres and concert halls, schools and hospitals, synagogues and newspapers.

In the spring of 1943, a small group of desperate Jews astonished their oppressors with a month-long uprising that resulted in many enemy casualties. Eventually, the Nazis set raging fires, reduced whole blocks to rubble by shelling and pumped poison gas into sewers and bunkers. The destruction of the ghetto was total.

Dr. Charles G. Roland is professor of the History of Medicine at MacMaster University. His book is especially valuable for the information it contains about health and medical problems in the ghetto and of the heroic efforts by doctors and nurses who often worked in hospitals, "where operations continued without electricity, gas, running water or a sewage system."

Typhus becomes endemic when people are crowded together in abnormal conditions of filth, cold and hunger. In the ghetto, typhus affected between 100,000 and 150,000 persons. The widespread nature of the disease was concealed from German inspection teams who periodically threatened to seal off the affected areas.

The author's most dramatic revelation concerns an astonishing underground medical school that lasted for about 15 months, starting in 1941. It was organized initially with Nazi permission as a vocational course to combat epidemic diseases. But it was transformed into a full-time facility with as many as 500 students and an eminent medical faculty. When the deportations to Treblinka began, Dr. Izrael Milejowski wrote a tribute to his ghetto colleagues. "You, my associates in misery, were part of the community. Slavery, famine, evacuation, you shared them all. Death hung constantly over your heads. But by your work you gave the assassins your reply. And this ringing answer will resound forever, 'Not all of me shall die'!" On the short journey to Treblinka he committed suicide.

The doctors also compiled hunger research statistics, making use of the starving men and women around them. Much of this innovative and valuable material was preserved and eventually published.

The author, long interested in the health problems of war prisoners, learned of the medical school from Dr. Henry Fenigstein of Toronto who had been taken prisoner by the Germans while serving in the Polish army.

In the course of his research, Roland conducted interviews with many persons in North America, Europe and Israel. *Courage Under Siege* will be of greatest interest to health professionals. But its readable style and wide-ranging depiction of all aspects of ghetto life should assure a wide readership.

Oscar Peterson to be honored

Oscar Peterson

TORONTO –
Canadian jazz great Oscar Peterson will be honored in a gala musical tribute at the Leah Posluns Theatre on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m.

Peterson, among the most innovative jazz pianists of our time, will be honored with the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto's 1993 Arts Person of the Year Award. Past recipients include composer Louis Applebaum and arts patron Arthur Gelber.

The Salute to Oscar Peterson will take place during the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews' 1993 Brotherhood Week and among the evening's organizing committee are several leading members of Metro's black community. Chairing the event is North York town planner Virginia Solomon.

The tribute to Peterson will be hosted by CBC personality Peter Gzowski and will include guest performances by flugelhorn player Guido Basso, singers Salome Bey and Molly Johnson, the Danny Grossman dance company, classical pianist Antonin Kubalek and S.V.P., a jazz ensemble.

As well, bassist Ray Brown will perform a solo number in honor of Peterson, who is said to have given Brown his start in music. S.V.P. will offer a special rendition of Peterson's *Hymn to Freedom*, which became a battle cry in the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Noted Canadian artist Stacy Spiegel has been commissioned to create a glass sculpture to be presented to Peterson, while poet James Strecker will recite a poem dedicated to the honoree.

Members of the organizing committee include Joan Pierre, executive director of Caribana; Bevery Mascoll, a one-time aide to former Lieutenant-Governon Lincoln Alexander; Laurie Sakamoto, chair of 1993 Brotherhood Week; Terry McGrail of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation; television moderator Honey Sherman and Linda Book, chair of the Koffler Gallery.

Proceeds from the evening will go toward supporting cultural programs at the JCC as well as at the Koffler Gallery and the Leah Posluns Theatre.

A reception will follow the performance.

Tickets are $100 per person. Tax receipts will be issued.

For more information, call (416) 636-2145 or (416) 636-1880, ext. 264.

Eye on Arts

The Toronto Jewish Film Society presents its 1993 season beginning Feb. 16 with *Bonjour! Shalom!* a personal documentary which allows us to enter the intimacy of the chassidic world of Outremont, Que. where the ultra-religious live side-by-side with francophone residents.

Other films in the series include *The Partisans of Vilna* on March 30, *The Impossible Spy* on May 18, *Half the Kingdom* on July 27 and *Levy and Goliath* on Aug 17.

All screenings take place on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Leah Posluns Theatre.

For more information call 636-1880.

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The Medina Theatre Ensemble will give a rehearsed reading of *The First Casualty of War* by Sam Goldstein on Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building.

Discussion with the author, winner of the 1992 playwriting contest of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto theatre committee, will take place following the performance.

For more information call 635-2883, ext. 154.

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Pianist Gayle Hennick will give a recital on March 3, as part of the Royal Conservatory of Music's noon hour series, performing works by Schumann and Brahms. The recital begins at 12:15 p.m. at 273 Bloor St. W.

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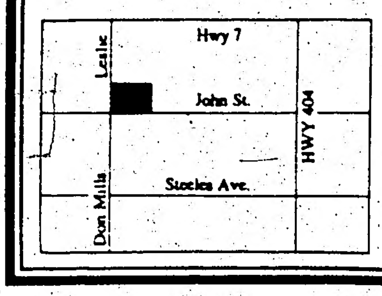

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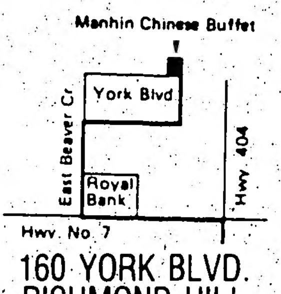

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Bailey, an Asian small-clawed otter, gets a little assistance during dinner time from Sea World of Florida animal care specialist Steve Lang.

Otter receives special care

ORLANDO —

A tiny, Asian Small-Clawed otter — a rare and endangered species — is now being carefully hand-raised by one of Sea World of Florida's animal care specialists. In Sea World's otter rehabilitation program, hand-raising is a technique often used by the marine life park's husbandry experts to assist lost or abandoned baby animals until they are old enough to survive on their own.

Sea World curators stepped in shortly after Bailey's birth to give him a helping hand. The five-week-old male pup was in danger of becoming malnourished. "This was his mother's first litter, and she had no experience in rearing her young," said Steve Lang, Sea World animal care specialist and "surrogate father" to the otter. "Because this species of otter is endangered, we couldn't take any chances with Bailey's survival."

The welfare of the Asian Small-Clawed otter is also supported by the Species Survival Plan (SSP), in which Sea World participates. Established by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, the SSP program helps preserve endangered species by maintaining viable gene pools in breeding programs. It is often the last chance to re-establish a species in its natural environment.

Hand-raising a baby otter is a round-the-clock responsibility and includes constant monitoring of the animal's health, daily baths and frequent feedings. Like most babies, Bailey requires lots of nurturing. "He can't be left for very long by himself and he needs a lot of attention," said Lang.

During bath time, a damp cotton ball is used to simulate the natural feeling of a mother otter cleaning her young. To feed the one-pound pup, every four hours, Lang uses a small bottle to give Baily a mixture of water and Esbilack, a vitamin-enriched formula used as a milk substitute. Gradually, over the next three months, Bailey will be introduced to solid fish, including trout and smelt. The otter youngster sleeps in a temperature controlled bed, similar to an incubator, that maintains an even and comfortable temperature of 29.5°C.

Learning to swim is another important part of the rearing process. Normally, the mother otter would secure the baby in her mouth and begin swimming. Eventually, the baby would become accustomed to the water and learn to swim on its own. At Sea World, the natural process is recreated by gradually introducing Bailey to small amounts of water — starting with just enough to cover his tiny paws. As his instinctive otter curiosity comes out and he becomes more accustomed to the water, the level is raised. In time, Bailey will learn to become the graceful swimmer otters are known to be.

Clear skies prevail on open sea cruises

By GORDON ALLEN

Reports like this one are supposed to be objective, stingy about praise and raves, and on the lookout for things to knock. Sorry . . . but no matter how we tried, we could not come up with anything significant to complain about.

We are talking about a week aboard The Star Flyer (there is a sister-ship called Star Clipper, also) cruising out of St. Maarten and touching on islands of the British and U.S. Virgin Islands.

The two vessels, one of which is just a little over a year old, the other made its first cruise in spring of 1992, are described as the tallest of the tall ships. They represent a long-time dream of Swedish businessman Mikael Krafft who told us his idea was to provide people with the experience of true sailing at affordable pricing.

What's more, he visits his ships frequently, unannounced, so he may talk with passengers and inspire the crews with his open hospitable approach.

That's what made this, for us, one of the most enjoyable and satisfying vacation destinations, even though we have sailed on several large, large cruise-liners complete with Las Vegas-type shows, and structured planning of daily activities.

What's different here? For one thing, the Clipper ships carry only 180 passengers. There is no set sitting for meals . . . and no formal seating. You eat when you want to within a prescribed period of time, sit wherever you wish and with whomever. It's a great way to meet almost everyone on the cruise.

One of the highlights of on-board activity is participating with the regular crew when it's time to raise the sails as one leaves the daily port of call. And let it be noted that with one or two exceptions, these ports of call are inaccessible to large cruise ships.

Many of our fellow passengers kept saying over and over again that they would come back to a Clipper sailing before going back to mega-ship cruises.

The company's brochure suggests that men not bring jacket and tie, and that women may also dress informally for dinner. It was true . . . we thought this could not be the case and carried a jacket and tie. Didn't use it. Not when one noted that all waiters, executive crew and even the captain, came to dinner in short-sleeve, open-necked shirts.

And about food. Everyone knows cruising means a lot of eating from morning to night. The Star Flyer chef (originally from Vancouver) provided a varied breakfast and luncheon buffet, and late afternoon happy-hour buffet on the open deck plus a full dinner menu and late-night snacks. And all, tasty and beautifully presented.

Each day's stopover made it possible for the action-inclined to scuba dive, swim from local beaches and on one day, right off the boat; take island tours, enjoy picnic lunch on the beat, or shop till you drop in at least two excellent duty-free places (St. Thomas and St. Barts on this particular cruise).

Others, like us, simply went for strolls through the ports of call, then spent the afternoon back on board simply "lazing"! It was great . . . simply unwinding.

The lounge was presided over by a personable young pianist whose repertoire went from current back to the days of Gershwin, Cole Porter and the like. Many times passengers would join him in some songs. And in the open-area between lounge and library people would gather around the bar, talk, laugh, and dance (to recorded music).

Not one person complained about lack of formal entertainment although on one stop, when sailing time was late in the evening, we were joined by a local steal-drum band.

It was Krafft who told about welcoming aboard such people as Prince Rainier, the King of Sweden, the future king of The Netherlands and Princess Anne.

About the Canadians. We made up some 30 percent of the passenger list.

And should it cross your mind that this kind of cruising is for younger people, we noted that the spread went from newlyweds through to at least one 75-year-old who participated in most of the water sports including snorkeling, though we did not see him wind-surfing.

Getting there: Encore Cruises based in Toronto is the Canadian representative. Most travel agents will have Encore's brochures on hand, but if they do not they can easily get them to you. In season one flies charter to St. Maarten (off-season the flights are by way of San Juan, Puerto Rico). The 7-night itineraries do vary. For someone wanting to spend two weeks sailing it still means a different port every day.

Among the islands the Star Flyer visits are Tortola, St. Thomas, St. Barts on one cruise, and in the alternate week takes in St. Kitts, Antigua, Nevis and St. Barts. The Star Clipper includes Martinique, Montserrat, St. Lucia and on the alternate cruise St. Kitts, Anquilla, St. Maarten, St. Barts and more.

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Biscayne National Park rebuilds after hurricane

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

CONVOY POINT, Florida — At Biscayne National Park, one of Florida's least known tourist attractions, the rebuilding has begun.

In August, Hurricane Andrew — the most destructive natural disaster in American history — slammed into the park, which lies just 40 kilometres south of Miami's skyline.

Due to the damage it sustained, the park is presently closed. But cleanup crews are working hard so that it can be reopened soon.

I was there last winter, and if it's restored to its pre-hurricane glory, the park should have no trouble attracting tourists yet again.

Perched on the continental shelf, on the edge of the Gulf Stream, it's a vast expanse of coastal wetlands, clear, relatively shallow emerald green seas, unspoiled coral reefs and pristine, mangrove-fringed barrier islands.

"This is what the Florida Keys were like 30 years ago," said Captain Ed Davidson, a glass-bottom tour boat operator. "The reefs here are in much better shape, and there are no crowds."

Before Hurricane Andrew, Davidson — a board member of the Florida Audubon Society, a vocal environmentalist and an ex-combat pilot in Vietnam — spent his days ferrying tourists to the reefs and talking about Biscayne's natural wonders.

This corner of Florida, he explained, was the first in North America to be discovered by Europeans. Ponce de Leon, the Spanish explorer, sailed across Biscayne Bay in the 16th century in search of the mythical Fountain of Youth.

What he found instead was a subtropical paradise, which he may or may not have appreciated. When modern urban encroachments threatened these beautiful vistas, ecologists banded together and convinced the government to preserve the area — all 181,000 acres — for posterity.

Tourists who take the time to visit will not be disappointed. The views can be spectacular, particularly on a clear, sunny day, and the best way to see them is aboard one of Davidson's custom-made excursion vessels, which survived the hurricane.

When I visited, there were two trips a day, barring inclement weather — 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Reservations were necessary, and passengers were advised to call in advance to reconfirm. The telephone number was (305) 247-2400.

As the Reef Rover chugged off, the captain explained that the mangrove forest islands dotting the bay are an integral part of the landscape. Once considered "trash trees," mangroves are now recognized as an essential link in the food chain and a barrier protecting the shoreline during storms and hurricanes. In the main, the mangroves stood up to Hurricane Andrew.

As the dock recedeed into the distance, I saw sea gulls and sandpipers. Biscayne Bay is a bird sanctuary, a haven for blue herons, snowy egrets, brown pelicans and white ibis.

The remnants of spongers' piers were clearly visible. The sponge industry here died years ago, unable to compete with Mediterranean Sea spongers. But of late, there has been a revival.

Thirty minutes after departure, the Reef Rover stopped in a bobbing sea. We had reached a reef formation, an amazing watery universe of bold, bizarre shapes and kaleidoscopic colors.

As the the Reef Rover moved on, we saw an impressive panorama of barracudas, sharks, groupers, crabs, turtles and a host of unidentified, brightly-colored tropical fish.

We returned in the early afternoon, having had a fine morning. We left Biscayne National Park contented, secure in the knowledge that we had seen one of the finest sights in South Florida.

And in the not-too-distant future, it will be back in business once again.

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

I'm writing this column early this week as I have to be in our capital this weekend. That's **Ottawa,** for those of you who may have forgotten. The house that **Brian** built. Or should that be sold. Anyway, I may or may not tell you about it when I get back. It all depends on how much I enjoy myself.

The weather, as you know, has been playing like a yo-yo. Fortunately, there's been enough snow and cold weather to keep the skiers happy and I hear resorts across **Canada** are doing very well. Nice to hear.

Speaking of the white stuff, my colleague in **Jerusalem,** the **Lovely Leora,** who is a native of **Montreal,** tells me the **Holy City** came to a halt last week when snowflakes suddenly appeared and didn't leave until some two inches (I'm told that's 5 cm Canadian) had been deposited on the highways and byways.

LL, however, was in her glory, scarf wrapped tightly around her neck, kicking the soft snow in her path as she went for a brisk walk, all the while singing, "Alouette, gentille Alouette, Alouette, je te plumerai."

I only tell you this so that you don't feel so bad about the weather we're having here. On the other hand, my cousin, who shares a house with me, calls from **Florida** to gloat. It's in the mid-70s, the sun is warm, the women warmer. So thoughtful of him to mention this.

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Okay, enough of this frivolity. This is a newspaper, with the emphasis on news, or so I'm told, so let's tell you something that may interest you. Next month, some 300 people are expected to board an **El Al** flight to take part in the grand opening March 16 of **Canion Jerusalem.** The $80 million, one million square foot mall is **Montreal** developer **David Azrieli's** latest mega-project in **Israel.**

The **Jerusalem** mall will fit into the vast **Mamilla** project now under construction that will include a soccer stadium, zoo, high-tech industrial park and hilltop residences designed by architect **Moshe Safdie.**

There is still room if you'd like to take part in the March 10-17 trip. Just call **Universe Travel** at (514)932-2911.

Feel like going away for **Pesach**? If so, I've got something I think you'll like. It's called the **Pesach '93 Tour** sponsored by **Madan Travel Service** in **Florida.** It's going to be held April 4-14 at **The Ritz Carlton** in one of my favorite places, **Aspen, Colorado.**

According to my main man **Robert Mayersohn** of **Madan,** the tour will feature a unique educational experience at the **Center for Judaic Studies** at the **University of Denver** under the direction of **Rabbi Stanley Wagner.** Now I don't know the good rabbi, but I'm told he has a great reputation.

The hotel is seconds from exclusive shops, challenging mountains and a great nightlife. I can personally account for the last. The **Butcher Man** has witnessed many a **Colorado** sunrise while leaving a club after rockin' the night away.

And don't worry about eating. Glatt kosher meals, and these are great meals, are available under strict Orthodox rabbinical supervision from **Rabbi Alan Kalinsky.** Included in the package as well are the traditional group seders and daily synagogue services conducted by **Dr. Mark Goldenberg** of **Los Angeles.** There is also golf, swimming, movies, and children's and teenage programs.

Anyone interested should contact **Robert Mayersohn** at (305)925-0077. Sounds like a fun time.

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And now, news from the **Vatican.** That's right, readers, the **Vatican.** Seems **Pope John Paul II** has agreed to meet with a delegation from **El Al** to discuss Christian pilgrimages to **Israel.**

There have been reports that the **Pope** himself will visit the **Holy Land** this year, an event that would have a major impact on tourism.

Tourism to **Israel** is already at an all-time high according to the figures for 1992. More than 1.4 million people visited the country, a whopping 60 percent increase over 1991 and a nine percent increase over the record year of 1987.

A breakdown shows that 60 percent came from **Europe,** 29 percent from the **Americas,** seven percent from **Asia,** three percent from **Africa,** one percent from **Oceana** (Don't ask. I don't know).

A significant number was the increase in tourism from the **United States,** which rose a dramatic 47 percent over 1991.

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It seems people are travelling everywhere these days in greater numbers. **Lily Shum,** the **Canadian** director for the **Hong Kong Tourist Association** tells me that the number of **Canadian** visitors to **Hong Kong** last year rose by 11.4 percent to more than 180,000.

Overall, more than 6.9 million visitors made the trip to this great city, setting a new record. That's good news and a lot of the credit for that has to go to **Lily.** She does a great job.

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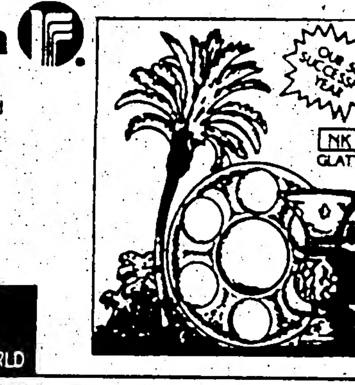

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Search for high returns may net losses: expert

TORONTO —

With the changing economy, promoters are coming up with new ways to separate you from your hard-earned savings. Look out! A lot of people — some already hurting from the recession — have lost their money in investments that were promoted as a "sure thing." Many of these deals involved questionable business practises.

"Consumers must understand that they're increasing their chances of losing everything when they seek returns higher than those offered by investments guaranteed by deposit insurance," says Brian Cass, assistant deputy minister of the Ontario Ministry of Financial Institutions.

"Over the past few years, we've investigated a number of failures of mortgage brokers, real estate tax shelters, and syndications where investors lost their retirement savings," Cass adds.

Those offering higher risk investments appeal to a desire for quick profits, as well as other weaknesses. One technique is to make you feel you're being admitted to a group of insiders with confidential information. To keep you from consulting with others, it may even be suggested the investment is slightly illegal.

The promoters' conservative business suits, expensive offices and glossy brochures may all be intended to make you feel their investment is not high risk.

Consumers particularly vulnerable to these approaches include seniors living on investment income, couples trying to put together a down payment for a house, parents saving for their children's education, and people new to a particular area.

"Every investment carries a risk. You have to decide what level of risk is acceptable to you," notes Cass, who gives potential investors the following tips:

— Be wary of schemes which guarantee a quick profit. Generally, the higher the potential rate of return, the higher the risk you'll lose everything.

Reject pressure

— Don't be talked into making a hasty decision. Reject high-pressure sales pitches. Consider your investment choice carefully. Get impartial advice from your accountant or lawyer.

— Before signing anything, show all the documents to your own lawyer, not the lawyer of the outfit offering the investment. If the promoter won't let you take the contract to your lawyer, don't sign. It your own lawyer suggested the investment to you, get the opinion of another lawyer who is not involved in any way with the investment.

— Be sure you understand the nature and extent of the risks associated with a particular investment. Don't invest more money than you can afford to lose. Diversify: don't put more than 10 percent of your savings into one investment.

— Carefully assess the honesty of the people involved in the investment. Ask for references and check them.

— Check the quality of the information you're given about an investment. Demand that the promoter provide all the material you need to make an informed decision.

— Make sure the investment complies with the application laws of the Ministry of Financial Institutions and the Ontario Securities Commission. The ministry's mandate is to protect investors. If a promoter suggests a deal has been structured to avoid the scrutiny of regulators, ask why.

— Remember, even a good track record is no guarantee of future success in investments.

— Don't fall prey to aggressive telephone sales pitches. Frequently investments offered in this way are made to sound like once-in-a-lifetime opportunities but are actually of little value.

The Investor's Checklist, a brochure of questions to help you assess the risks of an investment, is available free from: Communications Branch, Ministry of Financial Institutions, 10 Wellesley St. East, 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2H8; telephone the Ministry's Consumer Information Centre (416) 326-8555, outside Toronto call toll-free 1-800-268-1142; TDD (hearing/speech impared) (416) 326-8566.

Points to consider when choosing a stockbroker

TORONTO —

Choosing a stockbroker may be the most important investment decision you ever make.

Before you begin the search for a broker, learn how the stock market works, says Joanna Fallone, manager of inquiries in the enforcement branch at the Ontario Securities Commission.

Take the time to familiarize yourself with the terms and language of the industry. You might like to obtain free literature about the stock market from the Communications departments at The Toronto Stock Exchange, the Canadian Securities Institute, the Investment Funds Institute of Canada and the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC). Consider taking an investment course at the Institute or at a university or community college.

Think about the services you will require from a broker. "If you understand the market and will only need a broker to buy or sell stocks at your request, consider using the services of a discount brokerage firm," explains Fallone.

"If you need advice and recommendations from a broker, look for a full-service brokerage firm." A full-service brokerage firm usually charges more than a discount brokerage firm.

Ask friends and relatives who invest in the stock market about their brokers and the brokerage firms they represent. It's helpful to speak with people who are like you — people with similar financial objectives and circumstances who have the same degree of risk tolerance.

Telephone or meet with the firm's branch manager. Ask about the firm's training programs. Some firms offer their brokers additional in-house training. Ask whether the firm is a member of The Toronto Stock Exchange or the Investment Dealers Association, both of which are self-regulatory organizations (SROs).

SROs supervise and discipline stockbrokers who violate bylaws or regulations. Member firms must meet specific financial requirements and follow established trading guidelines.

SROs fund the Canadian Investor Protection Fund, which is a trust fund that compensates investors for financial losses resulting from the insolvency of a brokerage firm. Remember though — SROs and the OSC cannot compensate investors for money lost through bad investments or assist investors to obtain restitution.

"Ask the manager for the names of three brokers and interview them. Look for a broker you can talk to and who will take the time to explain things to you," recommends Fallone.

"By law, brokers are required to know about your financial means and goals and your risk tolerance in order to recommend investments suitable for you. It's called "Know Your Client." If you don't feel comfortable dealing with a particular broker, keep looking."

Ask the brokers how many years they have been in business and about courses they've taken. Weigh knowledge versus sales ability, remembering that you need a knowledgeable broker and not a salesperson, says Fallone.

Ask the broker how much is charged for services. Commissions, which are earned by brokers when they buy or sell stocks, are not fixed and may be negotiated. Some firms, however, may have minimum fees in place.

Recognize the roles you and your broker play in making your investment decisions. "Don't just buy stocks and sit back waiting for the profits to roll in," says Fallone. Your broker provides many services but will not run the show for you. He will make recommendations but it's up to you to make the final decision.

To ensure yours is an informed decision, keep current. Read the business section of newspapers as well as financial statements, news releases and other documents issued by the company in which you are a shareholder.

When you have decided on a broker, contact the Ontario Securities Commission to check if he's registered. You can also call the SRO to which he belongs to determine if he was ever been involved in a disciplinary hearing.

After you have signed the required forms and your account application is approved, trading can begin and future transactions can be handled by phone. Be sure to keep track of your account by reviewing all confirmations and monthly statements. Bring any discrepancies or problems to the attention of your broker or the firm's compliance officer as soon as possible.

How to handle problems:

— Talk to your broker first. A misunderstanding or error in the paperwork can often be resolved by the broker.

— Write a letter to the firm's compliance officer or branch manager.

— Contact the self-regulatory organization to which the firm belongs. Most firms belong to either The Toronto Stock Exchange or the Investment Dealers Association. SROs investigate complaints and may take disciplinary action if a broker has violated a bylaw or regulation.

— Write to the Ontario Securities Commission. The OSC investigates complaints involving possible violations of the Securities Act.

For more information, write for the brochure *An Introduction to Investing in Securities* available free from the Ontario Securities Commission, Communications Section, 20 Queen St. West, 8th Flr., Toronto, Ont. M5H 3S8.

Toyota earns performance award

TORONTO —

On behalf of satisfied owners, the 3.5 million member, not-for-profit Canadian Automobile Association has presented the coveted CAA Used Car Performance Award for 1993 to Toyota Canada Inc. Toyota earned this year's award for its popular Camry model, years 1989 to 1991.

In what CAA believes is the largest Canadian survey of its kind, with well over 30,000 respondents, 95 percent of Camry owners reported that if they could go back in time they would buy the same car again. Asked how satisfied they were with their vehicle, 91.7 percent of Camry owners said they were "very satisfied."

This year's "pyramid" award is the third earned for the Camry and the 8th earned by Toyota. The Camry previously earned the CAA award in 1988 and 1991.

The award is based on three main criteria: level of owner satisfaction; mechanical reliability and cost of repairs; and number of owners who would choose the same car again if given the opportunity to go back in time to when they bought their vehicle.

The Buick LeSabre was chosen second best performer, the first time in years a domestic model ranked above fourth place. Other top performers, in descending order, are:

Honda Accord, Toyota Corolla, Honda Civic, Ford LTD Crown Victoria*, Toyota Tercel, Oldsmobile Delta 88/88 Royale, Dodge Spirit/Plymouth Acclaim, Mazda 323.

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Global village revolutionizes industry

By STEPHEN J. HOFFMAN

TORONTO – Thanks to sophisticated modern technology, the world has become a smaller place and halfway around the world isn't as far as it used to be. Through revolutionary inventions like television, air travel, telephones, fax machines and computers, the global village is becoming more of a reality each day.

North Americans willingly purchase goods from all over the world — German cars, Japanese VCRs and French wine to name a few.

Surprsingly though, most North Americans don't even give a second thought to investing in foreign countries. A recent U.S. survey found that 93 percent of Americans invested solely in domestic markets whereas seven percent invested internationally. These results are evidence of old investments habits of North American investors.

However over the past two decades there have been many changes in the world investment community. In 1976, 62 percent of the world's stock market capitalization was concentrated in the United States. However, by 1990, it was reduced to a mere 36 percent. This dramatic drop occurred even when the world's capital base was increasing from $1,400 billion in 1976 to more than $8,000 billion in 1990.

The accompanying chart shows the distribution and size of world stock market capitalization. Clearly, the United States is number one with 36 percent; Japan a close second with 32 percent; Europe with 25 percent; Pacific markets (excluding Japan) following with four percent and finally, the rest of the world (including Canada) with less than three percent.

By investing a portion of a portfolio in non-Canadian assets, one is able to reduce risk by accessing a wider range of securities, including those in higher-growth economies and industries not represented in Canada. Furthermore, by diversifying assets among international capital markets, it is possible to limit the inherent risk of investing in a single market or type of security.

If investors want to maximize their returns and minimize risk, it makes sense to invest in the best managed and most profitable industries and companies in the world — companies who have a competitive advantage over others in their industry, like the Japanese, known throughout the world as the leader in producing state-of-the-art electronic goods.

As an example of the opportunities that exist outside North America, consider the Latin American market.

Many encouraging trends are evolving in this part of the world. These trends include moves towards democracy, rapid expansion to free market economies; the dismantling of trade barriers; and more responsible fiscal and monetary policies. The WEFA Group has projected economic growth in Latin America to be a healthy 4.4 percent per year, for the period 1991 to 1994, outpacing both the European community (2.5 to 3.0 percent) and the United States (below 2.5 percent).

To demonstrate just how circumstances have begun to change, one need only look at the level of indebtedness in the region. Foreign debt as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP), once the primary concern for this area has been decreasing over the past few years. From a high of 56.8 percent in 1987, it stood at 39.0 percent in 1989, a reduction of almost one-third. During the same period debt service as a percent of GDP was reduced from 8.6 to 5.7 percent. Clearly, Latin America represents an emerging market ready for growth in the coming years.

To summarize, there are two main reasons why investors should consider incorporating an international component to their investment portfolio.

- Overall return can be enhanced by participating in the growth of posperous markets such as Latin America, the European community and the Pacific rim; and
- Total portfolio risk is reduced by accessing the wider range of securities available in the global marketplace.

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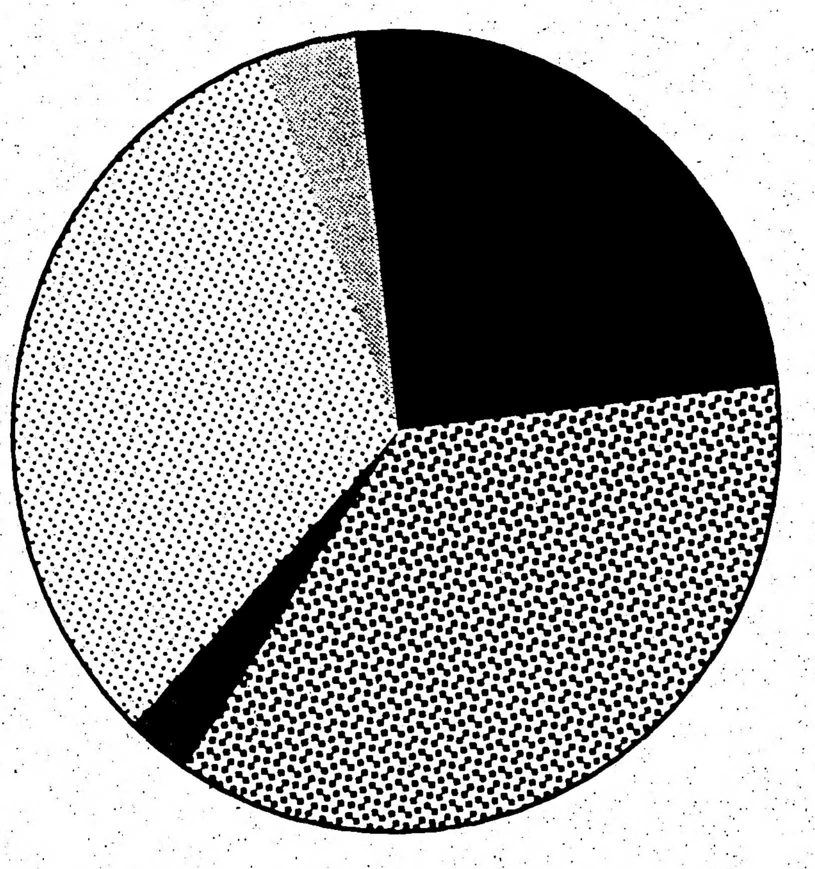

■	Europe	25.0%
▨	United States	36.0%
■	Rest of the World	3.0%
▨	Japan	32.0%
▨	Other Pacific Markets	4.0%

Source: Morgan Stanley Capital Investment

Term policy can pay off

By LAWRENCE STOLBERG

What if a friend told you that you could be a millionaire? What if he said you could do it starting today, even if you never got a raise or changed jobs? What if he said all you had to do was save a little bit each month? Do you think it could be that simple? I think it is.

Families work hard to survive. They want and need the most value possible from their hard-earned dollars. Middle-income families can take control of their futures and become financially independent.

It makes more sense, dollar-wise, to purchase a low-cost term policy and save the difference in a separate investment vehicle. Difference, is the dollar difference between a term product and a whole life product, because a typical whole life product can cost 5 times more.

For the same amount of money as a whole life policy, you can own an inexpensive term policy and put your money to work for you in two important ways: by paying yourself with a systematic savings plan; and by doubling or tripling your life insurance coverage.

Did you know that as Canadians we are saving less of our disposable income -14 percent in 1991 compared to 17 percent on 1982. According to Statistics Canada, 73 percent of Canadians 65 and older retire on income of less than $15,000 a year.

Different stages of life have different financial needs. If you're in the 25-40 age range, you're probably busy raising a family, paying a home mortgage and working hard to make ends meet. If you're older, you have fewer demands-your children are grown, the mortgage is paid and debts are smaller.

As you can see from the chart, you need maximum affordable death protection during the time you are building your financial estate, when you are younger and when your financial responsibilities are greater. A loss of income would be devastating. In later years when your financial responsibilities are lower, you need retirement income.

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If it makes sense, implement an estate plan that will minimize and defer potential income taxes arising on death.

In 1990, *the Financial Times of Canada* reported that the average death claim paid in 1989 was less than $12,000. This is because the consumer was not presented with an educational approach to financial planning.

They purchased more expensive, lower protection because they were not shown the alternative, buy term and invest the difference.

(Lawrence Stolberg, C.A. is a regional manager with Primerica Financial services.)

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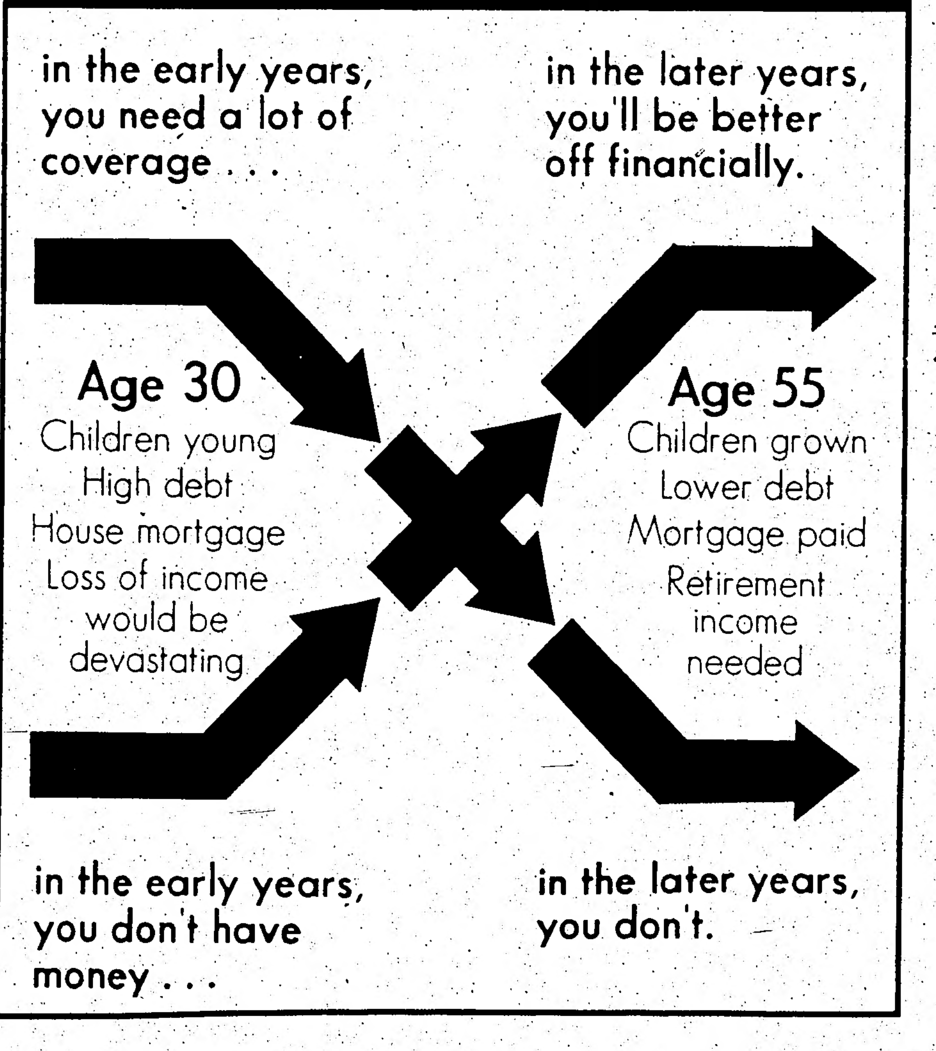
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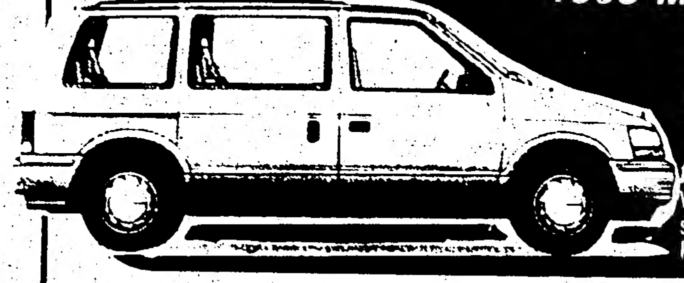
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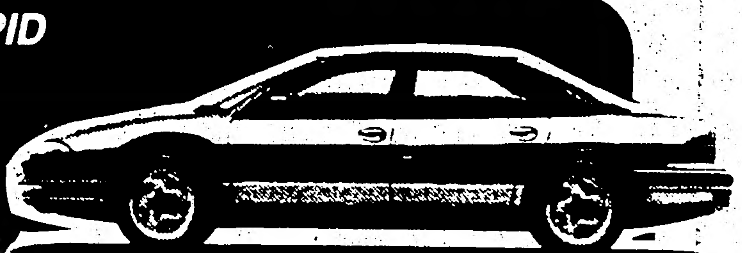
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Israel strives for economic independence

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER –
Israel is striving for economic independence and is starting to make some headway in this direction, Colette Avital, Israel's consul-general in New York, told the annual meeting here of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

The economy grew by six percent last year, she reported, and exports totalled $11 billion. Sixty percent of the exports went to Europe.

Avital, who is the highest-ranking woman diplomat in Israel's foreign service and who served for six years as a consul in Montreal, called for investment in Israel and said business must look at such investment as a sound profit-making venture, rather than treat it as philanthropy.

The Israelis have developed technology to such an extent that business firms in Europe, the United States and Japan are participating in joint ventures with Israeli business people.

> “We need businesses that can create jobs”

The need for growth and capital flow is essential to ensure Israel's technological edge and to create new jobs.

The perception is growing, she said, that it's good to do business in Israel and that it can be profitable for those who invest. "We need businesses," she said, "that can create jobs and utilize our technology. Further, we must increase our markets."

Because of the great struggle to bring Jews from the old Soviet Union to Israel, "it's essential that we use them in their own areas of expertise as much as possible," she said. The $10 billion loan guarantee received from the United States, at the rate of $2 billion a year over a five-year period, is being used for job-creating enterprises.

Planning for improved infrastructure and telecommunications is well under way to provide work for the well-trained immigrants and to train those who lack skills.

Aside from building the economy, Israel is bracing itself for an exacting agenda in the coming year, Avital said. The collapse of the Soviet Union and communism has resulted in a restructuring of Europe, bringing with it a new nationalism and anti-Semitism. This is resulting in an increased flow of immigrants, running at between 6,000 anfd 7,000 per month.

In an interview with *The CJN* after the Federation meeting, Avital said that water supply is a serious problem in the Middle East and expressed the hope this could be an area of co-operation with the Arab neighbors, rather than solved through warfare. She said a team from the European Community is looking into the problem both in Israel and Jordan.

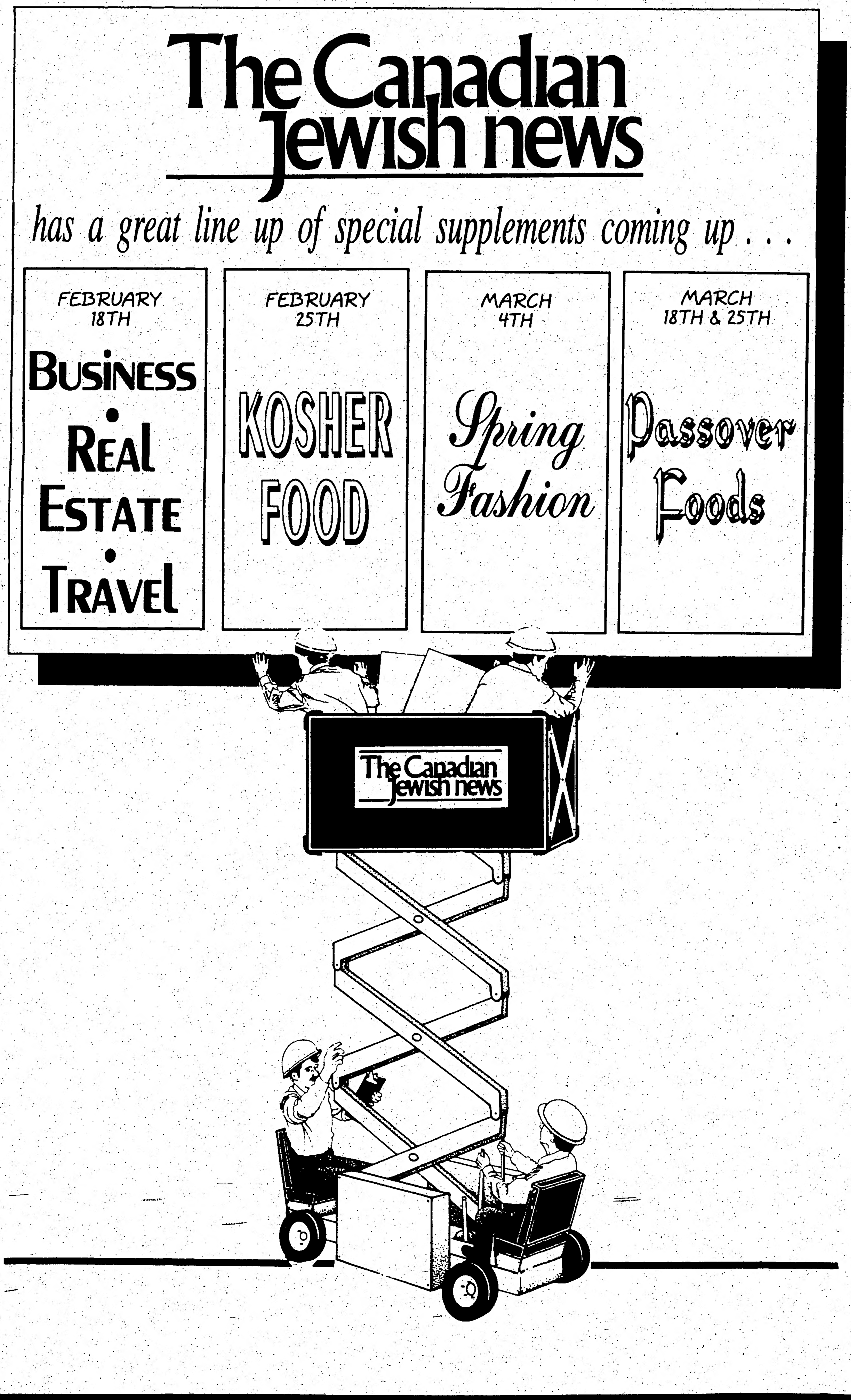
The consul-general said there is great concern in Israel about future relations between Israel and the new generation of Jews in the Diaspora who have no urgent religious needs or special ties with Israel.

She said the younger elements should become acquainted with the creativity and new culture developed in such areas as literature, classic arts and the cinema, all of which can be "very substantive in our relationship and which can become a new dimension of our Jewish heritage."

She pointed out that some of Israel's writers have won international acclaim and noted that Amos Oz, for example, has been translated into 14 languages in 22 countries, including Japan and Portugal — "not because there are Jews there, but because his work is recognized as great literature."

Jews in the Diaspora should be acquainted also with the extensive scientific research in Israel, as well as the social and legal research. "Whatever we are creating there should be shared and be more involved with the Jewish world as a whole."

Avital was born in Romania and was forced to wear the yellow star during the Nazi occupation. She later was able to escape to France before managing to immigrate to Israel at the age of 10. She was ambassador to Portugal for foui years before being posted to New York.



TA Stock Exchange shows dramatic increase in '92

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA –
This has been a rather unpleasant period for Israel. The fallout from the deportation of the Hamas fundamentalists, the hostile atmosphere in the United Nations, and the continued intifada violence, especially in Gaza, have hardly been calculated to raise Israeli morale. Yet a shining light of encouragement has come from a most unexpected source: the state of the nation's economy.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange general index climbed steadily throughout 1992, rising no less than 73 percent over the 1991 final figures. Turnover, too, increased by 95 percent over 1991. Indeed, the rise has been so rapid and so dramatic that a correction is inevitable, but the fact remains that both private and institutional investors are convinced that the country is now experiencing a solid growth. Even the government feels it, for while the national economy went up by 7 percent in 1992, government revenue increased by a surprising 9 percent, again reflecting a burgeoning economy.

True, there are some negative factors. Unemployment continues high, at around 11 percent, but new investments and industrial growth presage a steady reduction in this figure in the coming months. Let's not forget that in the past couple of years Israel has been called upon to absorb over 400,000 immigrants from Eastern Europe, in addition to natural population growth. Within a short period of time Israel will be investing $2 billion of the American guaranteed loan. If properly used, this will be a further stimulus to the economy.

It is also true that a number of Israeli concerns are experiencing difficulties, but this must be regarded as a healthy shakedown of marginal firms, many of which had poor management, suffered from inflated labor costs, or operated under government protection which afforded them fictitious profits. Removal of the props means that the uneconomic among them will disappear.

In the meantime, the daily news reports are filled with accounts of the new trend in Israel's economic structure, largely in the area of high technology. Reports such as the following are becoming more and more frequent:

Visonic Ltd., which produces sophisticated alarm systems, last year sold $25 million worth of their product, of which $23 million was exported.

Ormat Turbines has sold China a power plant for over $1 million.

Comverse Technology Ltd. last March signed a $20 million contract for sale of its computer system, known as AutoDisk, to a West European government agency, and in November got another $14 million contract.

The list is long and encouraging. Note that these names are relatively new, but even long established firms are doing better. Thus, Israel food exports for 1992 approached half a billion dollars. Textile exports topped a billion in 1992, a growth of 106 percent in the past six years.

Even well managed kibbutz firms are enjoying the boom. The Plasson company, of Kibbutz Maagan Michael, had a 1992 revenue of $62 million for its plastic products, of which 80 percent was exports.

Don't let anyone tell you differently. Israel is already feeling the swing of a flourishing take-off which will steadily reduce the unemployment figure, and open the door for a new wave of immigration.

Would that the political situation were as encouraging.

Sanctions could harm peace talks: Consul general

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Israel will not permit terrorists to break up the peace process, said Israeli Consul General, Dror Zeigerman here recently, as he warned that sanctions against Israel "will be the death sentence for the peace process."

The only way to stop the terrorism is to get rid of the terrorists and that, he said, "is why the government of Israel decided to deport [over 400 Muslim fundamentalists] to Lebanon [in December]."

(Israel has since made an offer to take 100 members of Hamas back which the deportees rejected.)

It was not an easy decision for the Israeli government, he continued, "but there was no alternative."

Guest speaker at the recent annual general meeting of the Hamilton-Wentworth Jewish Federation, Zeigerman set the scene for his remarks with a chilling video of mass rallies by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Compiled from material found in the homes of the deportees, the video shows mass rallies held at the Islamic College and elsewhere in the Gaza Strip, with Arab mobs caught in a frenzy of hatred as they call for vengeance on all foreigners and death to the State of Israel.

"Sometimes a picture is worth more than 1,000 words," commented Zeigerman as he pointed out that "these are the people we are facing: killers, murderers . . ."

He related how, "in the middle of the Gaza Strip," terrorists "shot a Palestinian three times, then stood on his body and shouted and celebrated. Show me another country in the world," he demanded, "where something like this can happen in the middle of the day in their capital or in one of their regions."

And then, he added in a reference to massacres such as the one at Hama, the city destroyed by Saddam Hussein "in a couple of hours," with tens of thousdands of people killed, "they complain that we violate international law!"

Dror Zeigerman

These are the people, Zeigerman noted bitterly, "of whom the world says they are 'poor, holy people living under miserable conditions in Israel ...'"

Noting that "the idea behind the peace process is compromise," Zeigerman, a former Likud member of the Knesset, stated that "Israel must negotiate with the Palestinians."

Any Israeli government, whether Labor or Likud, "will compromise in order to achieve peace," he said.

The Israeli people will not support a government which permits terrorism to continue and therefore, said Zeigerman, "we have to stop the terror."

The meeting was chaired by Federation president, Abe Szpirglas, who reported that Federation has been dealing with two main issues: trying to find ways of maintaining Jewish identity through improved local institutions and better ways of delivering services; and how to meet financial obligations locally and towards Israel.

Looking ahead, Szpirglas was convinced that the community will meet these challenges "in a very positive and creative fashion."

Community relations chair, Dr. Lawrence Hart, spoke of educational programs being planned and UJA campaign chair, CeCe Shreiber, announced that the campaign will continue through the year "until each and every person has been called."

Schreiber presented awards to campaign workers Leslie Pasis, Sid Bell, Jay State and Larry Szpirglas for their outstanding work on behalf of UJWF and was herself presented with a special Woman of Valor award for her work as 1992 campaign chair by executive director, Claire Mandel.

Mandel, who will be retiring in June, reflected on her six years with Federation, the last three as executive director, with humor and affection. It had been "a most outstanding job," she said.

A new board installed by immediate past president, Gerald Swaye, includes Szpirglas as president for a second year, with David Steinberg as first vice-president and George Czutrin, Sheldon Frank, Jackie Levin and Schreiber as other vice-presidents.

Slavens was a leader in pediatric medicine

TORONTO —
Dr. John Jacob (Jack) Slavens was a distinguished Toronto pediatrician and beloved doctor to some of this province's most eminent citizens.

As the "baby doctor" to such notables as cardiologist Bernard Goldman, Toronto Hospital trauma unit chief Charles Tator, several well-known politicians and hundreds of others throughout his 55-year private practice, Slavens was a highly recognized figure within the Toronto community.

Upon retiring his private practice in 1989, Slavens, then 82 years old, began to work as an on-call doctor for a service called MedVisit, directed by Tom Burko, a former patient of his. Believing that retirement was a waste of one's resources, for the next three years, he continued to work full-time making as many as 15 house call a day, five days a week.

Slavens died Feb. 1 at Mount Sinai Hospital following a heart attack. He was 85.

Born in London, England to an emigrant capmaker and his wife from Kiev, Slavens came here with his family in 1911. He graduated at the top of his class at Harbord Collegiate at the age of 16 and with a special Senate Waiver required for his young age, entered medical school at U of T in 1924. He graduated third with honors from his medical class, did his internship in New York, and was accepted for a fellowship at the presigious Mayo Clinic as one of only 30 out of 1,500 applicants.

Slavens was considered a leader in pediatric neurology and was the first Jew to be appointed to a university staff position at the hospital for Sick Children in 1944, helping to break down the Old Toronto medical establishment's unspoken rule of no Jews allowed.

After decades of making house calls in his private practice, he always remembered his patients not by their names but by their home addresses which he could instantly recall whenever he saw a patient's face, even if he hadn't seen that person in fifty some odd years.

A man with strong family values, Slavens believed that there were three things that were important to create a healthy legacy: good memories, a good name and good genes. And this is precisely what he left behind in the care of his loving family — daughter Harriet Dennis, sons Paul and Ted Slavens, his eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Slavens was predeceased by his wife Isla in 1987, whom he married in 1932.

Seligson to be feted

MONTREAL —
The Canadian Jewish News journalist/artist, Lou Seligson, is to be honored.

Seligson, who has profiled and drawn caricatures of nearly 700 Jewish Montrealers in 16 years, will see his work incorporated into a book, published by Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University.

In addition, a scholarship in Fine Arts is to be established at the Israeli university bearing his name.

Publication of the book and creation of the scholarship will be funded by donations from people who have been profiled in his many years of Montreal journalism.

The book will, to some extent, be a who's who of Montreal Jewry. Lawrence Bessner, chairing the friends of Lou Seligson committee, expects to include approximately 200 of the profiles in the book, which is being designed by Pearl Seifert.

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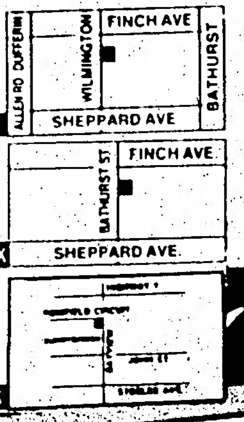

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ASST. 375 G. PKG.

FRESH! GRADE "A" LEAN MINCED BEEF
COR 2.99 LB.

FRESH! GRADE "A" BONELESS SHOULDER ROAST
COR 3.99 LB.

PRODUCT OF CHILE EXTRA FANCY THOMPSON GREEN SEEDLESS GRAPES
1.99 LB.

PRODUCT OF ISRAEL THE FINEST AND TASTIEST VINE-RIPENED TOMATOES
1.99 LB.
SAVE 1.00 LB.

FRESH LARGE SIZE GARLIC CLOVES
1.99 LB.

PROD. OF ONT. #1 GRADE EXTRA LARGE CABBAGE
.99 EA.

CALIFORNIA KIWI FRUIT
1.29 1 LB. POLY BAG

DELMONTE JUMBO SIZE PINEAPPLE
2.99 SIZE 7'S EA.

TAMPICO CITRUS PUNCH
COR .99 2 LTR. PLASTIC JUG

GAY LEA NORDICA 2% COTTAGE CHEESE OR SOUR CREAM
COR 1.49 500 G. TUB

FROZEN GRADE "A" CORNISH HENS
COR 5.49 18-20 OZ. AVG.

DIETRICH 100% WHOLE WHEAT BREAD
.99 675 G. LOAF

BYE THE SEA FLAKED WHITE ALBACORE TUNA
COR 1.49 6.5 FL. OZ. TIN

FOULD'S MAC 'N CHEESE DINNER
COR 2/1.00 7.25 OZ. BOX

FIVE ROSES ALL PURPOSE FLOUR
2.99 2.5 KG. BAG

KRAFT REG. OR LITE PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE
1.99 250 G. TUB

ROKEACH READY-TO-SERVE SOUPS
COR .89 15 OZ. TIN

MAXWELL HOUSE INSTANT COFFEE
3.99 200 GR. JAR

QUAKER READY TO SERVE OATMEAL
1.99 ASST.

BUY IN BULK & SAVE! MR. JUMBO TABLE NAPKINS
3.29 500 CT. FAMILY SIZE

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9:35 AM PICK UP AT **135 Antibes Dr.** (in front of apartment building)
9:45 AM PICK UP AT **15 & 25 Canyon Ave.** (Canyon, near Bathurst Street)
9:50 AM PICK UP AT **4455 Bathurst St.** (in front of apartment building)
10 AM ARRIVES SUNNYBROOK
11 AM DEPARTS SUNNYBROOK

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12:40 PM PICK UP AT **JCC, 4588 Bathurst St.** (at main entrance)
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